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Date: 7/25/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] P

SUBJECT: ACTION
RM

Re SL tel to Bureau, 7/20/69.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning church appearances on Black Militants on 7/20/69.

Copies of this LHM are being distributed locally to U.S. Attorney, Secret Service and 113th MI Group.

[REDACTED] appear on Agitator Index of SL Division; [REDACTED] will be recommended for same soon.

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 11)
- 4 - St. Louis
(1-9-2040) (Black Manifesto)
(1- [REDACTED]) (ACTION)
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AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IIU, ~~CS~~ CD,
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DATE FORW: AUG 5 1969

BY: [REDACTED]

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Approved: [REDACTED]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

July 25, 1969

ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

MEMBERS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The July 21, 1969, issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article which related that members of ACTION visited three predominantly white churches locally, on July 20, 1969.

The article related that LUTHER MITCHELL and other members of ACTION entered St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 110 Warson Road, Ladue, Missouri, where MITCHELL was allowed to speak for five minutes. JOHNNIE LEMIT, accompanied by other members of ACTION, spoke at St. Frances Xavier basement chapel, 3628 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri. The article also stated that MITCHELL and ACTION members were turned away at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church, 401 S. Lindbergh, Creve Coeur, Missouri, and were not allowed to address the congregation.

The article further related that ACTION members appeared near the Old (Catholic) Cathedral on the riverfront in downtown St. Louis and passed out literature describing the Catholic Church and the U.S. Federal District Court as "good, white racists."

Records of the St. Louis City and County Police Departments reflect that no arrests or racial incidents resulted from the above.

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ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

On July 23, 1969, a temporary restraining order in U.S. District Court, St. Louis, Missouri, which barred ACTION and the Black Liberation Front (BLF) from disrupting the services of the St. Louis Cathedral, was extended to October 1, 1969.

ACTION is a local Negro activist group in St. Louis whose members include both Negroes and Whites. It is headed by [redacted]

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BLF is a recently organized group in St. Louis which is originated by [redacted]

[redacted] two self-described "Black Militants." The purpose of BLF was first stated as the implementation of the demands of the "Black Manifesto" but subsequently it modified its goals to be more "relevant" to the St. Louis area.



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St. Louis, Missouri

July 30, 1969

ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

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The July 28, 1969, issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat", a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article on page 9A which related that members of ACTION visited two churches in St. Louis County on Sunday, July 27, 1969.

ACTION is a local Negro activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose members have engaged in various acts of civil disobedience in the past.

The article related that ACTION members went to St. Monica's Catholic Church, 12136 Olive Boulevard, Creve Coeur, about 10:00 A.M., but left when they discovered a missionary priest was preaching on black Africa. They went to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 808 North Mason Road, in West St. Louis County where one of the members, LUTHER MITCHELL, addressed the congregation for about 15 minutes on the subject of white racism.

According to the article, ACTION members returned to St. Monica's about 11:00 A.M. and talked to about 75 parish members in the church basement. MITCHELL explained ACTIONS goals and when he finished, Msgr. CLARENCE D. WHITE of St. Monica's described the Catholic archdiocese's assistance to the ghetto communities.

Detective [redacted] St. Louis County Police Department, advised on July 27, 1969, that no arrests or racial incidents accompanied the above described speeches.

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RE: ACTION

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Lt. [] St. Louis Police Department, Intelligence Unit advised on July 28, 1969, that a group of people who called themselves the "St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council" appeared at St. Pius V Church, intersection of Grand and Utah, St. Louis, Missouri. They passed out literature calling for \$30 million in reparations to U.S. Citizens from those who have been "rioting, looting" and committing arson. [] advised the group appeared to contain several former supporters of GEORGE WALLACE. There were no arrests in connection with the above.

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On July 29, 1969, Detective [] of St. Louis Police Department, advised that about 15 to 20 members of ACTION picketted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, for that firm's alleged employment practices. [] stated that ACTION demonstrated for about a one-half hour and departed the area without incident or arrest.

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A confidential and reliable source advised on July 29, 1969, that ACTIONS Demonstrations would be directed toward many big firm's in and around the St. Louis area. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is the first of the chain of firms to be picketted. Source also stated that at this time these demonstrations are to be peaceful.

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Title ACTION

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 7/30/69.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FBI

Date: 7/30/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10782) ([redacted])

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS ([redacted])

SUBJECT: ACTION
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies
of a self-explanatory LHM.

This LHM is being distributed to the following
local agencies:

U.S. Attorney, Secret Service, 113th MI Group.

This LHM is being classified ~~confidential~~ because
it contains information from confidential informant of
continuing value.

Source is [redacted]

4 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM) (2-157-10782)

7 - St. Louis (2- [redacted]) ACTION

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(1-157-NEW) (St. Louis Metropolitan Area
Citizens Council)

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AGENCY: CRD, ISD, HIU, [redacted], CD,
ACSI, DEI, SS

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: AUG 7 1969

BY: [redacted]

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56 AUG 14 1969

Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. DeLoach	_____ b6
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Date: 8/8/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-2535) (RUC)

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Re St. Louis teletype, 8/6/69.

Interested agencies, Washington, D.C., advised of pertinent details in referenced teletype. Logical sources of this office reported no info re any walks conducted at Justice Department, White House or residence of Apostolic Delegate to U.S. from Vatican. No further action being taken.

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2-St. Louis ([redacted]) (RM)
1-WFO

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700PM URGENT 8-10-69

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED])

ACTION, RM

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MEMBERS OF ACTION, LOCAL BLACK ACTIVIST GROUP, VISITED THE LITTLED
FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MO., INSTANT DATE. THEY
PASSED OUT LITERATURE ATTACKING WHITE RACISM.

MEMBERS OF THE SL METRO AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL, LOCAL SEGREGA-
TIONIST GROUP, APPEARED AT BOTH ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, MORGANFORD
AVE., AND ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, MERAMAC AVE. THEY PASSED OUT COPIES
OF A WHITE CITIZENS MANIFESTO CALLING FOR FINANCIAL REPARATIONS TO
WHITES TO BE PAID BY BLACK RIOTERS.

SLPD AND SL COUNTY PD ADVISED NO ARREST OR RACIAL INCIDENTS
ATTENDANT TO THE ABOVE.

USA, SS, MI ADVISED.

ADMIN; LHM FOLLOWS. P.

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ROOM 836 9&D

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FBI ST LOUIS

1020PM URGENT 8-6-69 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS ([redacted])

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ACTION; ~~RM~~ RACIAL MATTER

A LIAISON SOURCE ADVISED ON AUG. SIX, INSTANT, THAT

[redacted] ^{SAINT} ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND OFFICER
OF ACTION, WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF PRAYER WALKS IN WDC
THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. SEVEN, NEXT, IN BEHALF OF SISTER
[redacted] OF SLMO, [redacted]

[redacted] BECAUSE OF HER MILITANT
ACTIVITIES. SHE IS A MEMBER OF ACTION ALSO. PRAYER WALKS
WILL BE ONE-HALF HOUR EACH CARRYING A WHITE CARDBOARD CROSS
IN FRONT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING, THE
WHITE HOUSE, AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO
THE U.S. FROM THE VATICAN, WHICH RESIDENCE IS THOUGHT TO BE
THREE THREE THREE NINE MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.W., WDC.

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Included in summary to White House
and Attorney General. Date 8/7/69
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TELETYPE TO:

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/7/69

Attached relates to series of "prayer walks" scheduled by ACTION, militant civil rights group, for Thursday morning, August 7, 1969, in front of Justice Building, White House and residence of Apostolic delegate to the U. S. from the Vatican, Washington, D. C. "Prayer walks" will be in behalf of Sister [redacted] member of ACTION and [redacted]

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for her militant activities.

Secret Service, State Department, Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, GSA guard, Justice Building and Metropolitan Police Department informed telephonically of pertinent portions of attached. Copy of attached sent to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, and pertinent portions will be included in teletype summary to White House, Secret Service, and other interested agencies.

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SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED COPIES OF A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. DATED AUG. FOUR, LAST, STATING THAT A COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED] SINCE SHE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED A SISTER NOT IN GOOD STANDING AND A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THE POPE FOR HER REMOVAL. SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DATED AUG. FOUR, LAST, IN BEHALF OF [REDACTED] PROTESTING THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST HER BY THE MARYKNOLL ORDER AND PROTESTS A HEARING BY THE VATICAN BY QUESTIONING THE RIGHT OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, THE VATICAN CITY, IN TRYING AND DISCIPLINING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. THE TIME OF THE PRAYER WALKS IN NOT INDICATED.

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LOCAL MILITARY AGENCIES AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED AS WELL A ^{U.S. ATTORNEY} USA.

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] P

RE: ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 8/10/69.

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[REDACTED] are under active investigation by this division. No investigation is actively pursued re local citizens council.

AGENCY: CRD, ISD, ITU, ~~SS~~, CD,
ACEL, CSI, SS

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DATE FORW:

BY:

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM) EX - 117
- 5 - St. Louis
- (1 - [REDACTED] ACTION)
- (1 - 9-2040 Black Manifesto)
- (1 - 157-582 SLMACC)
- (1 - [REDACTED])
- (1 - [REDACTED])

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

August 11, 1969

ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

On August 10, 1969, Patrolman [redacted] Richmond Heights, Missouri, Police Department, advised that about 20 members of ACTION including [redacted] and [redacted] appeared at Little Flower Catholic Church, Arch Terrace and Boland Avenues, Richmond Heights, on August 10, 1969, about 11:00 a.m.

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ACTION is a local black activist group in St. Louis, whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

[redacted], with the permission of the church officials, addressed the congregation very briefly and other members of ACTION passed out leaflets which criticized the "white racism" of the Catholic Church.

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The group then left without arrest or further incident.

On August 10, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] St. Louis, Police Department, advised that on August 10, 1969, members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council (SLMACC) appeared at St. John's Luthern Church, intersection of Morganford and Beck, and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis.

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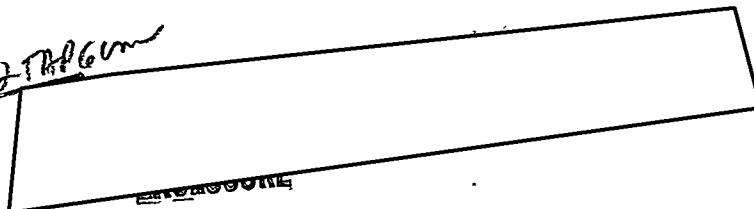
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SLMACC is a local organization of individuals primarily concerned with white segregation and states rights.

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The SLMACC members passed out leaflets at both churches entitled "A WhiteCitizens Manifesto" which called for financial reparations to be paid by Negro rioters to white victims of arson and property destruction throughout the United States.

The members left both churches without arrest or further incident.

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Date: 8-6-69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS ([redacted]) P
RE: ACTION
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LHM
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Remytels, 7-28 and 8-3-69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

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Copies have been distributed locally to 113th MI, USA, and SS.

This LHM is being classified ~~confidential~~ in view of the fact that sources used in this LHM are of continuing value to the Bureau and their identities are to be protected.

Sources are as follows:

SL T-1 is [redacted]
SL T-2 is [redacted]
SL T-3 is [redacted]

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AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IHU, ~~SS~~, CD,
ACSI, OSI, ~~SS~~

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DATE FORW: AUG 13 1969
BY: [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

August 6, 1969

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Lieutenant [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit advised on July 28, 1969, that approximately 10 to 12 males carrying signs, which stated that "Southwestern Bell had unfair hiring practices," picketed from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 1969. The picketing was conducted in front of Southwestern Bell Office at Chestnut and 12th, St. Louis, Missouri. The group consisted of two blacks and eight to ten whites. The group left the area without incident or arrest.

SL T-1 advised on August 3, 1969, eight members of ACTION went to the St. John Catholic Church at 1909 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Five of these individuals entered the church on August 3, 1969, and demands were read. The Pastor, according to source, asked the five to remain for service but requested they turn off their walkie-talkies. The group refused to do so and left without incident.

ACTION is a Black activist group headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, whose members include both Negroes and white who engage in civil disobedience.

On August 3, 1969, SL T-2 advised that 10 to 12 members of ACTION led by Luther Mitchell entered St. Peter's Catholic Church, 243 West Argonne Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on August 3, 1969. Mitchell delivered a short prepared speech to parishioners in five minutes allotted for same. The group left without incident.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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DATE 5/4/78

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ACTION

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According to a newspaper published daily in St. Louis, Missouri, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, dated August 4, 1969, Mitchell stated in his speech, "We are going to those we know will listen and understand us." He went on to say, "The churches are the places to come to find people who will band together with us. If the churches of St. Louis would band together, we could solve the problems of the city without the Federal Government."

Luther Mitchell is the Church Demands Coordinator and spokesman for ACTION.

SL T-3 advised on August 3, 1969, that Luther Mitchell and a group of ACTION members arrived on August 3, 1969, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church too late to address the assembly. Service at that church had terminated before ACTION's arrival.

On August 3, 1969, Detective [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit advised that 15 to 20 members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council (SLMACC) distributed copies of "A Citizen's Manifesto" at Tower Grove Baptist Church, 4257 Magnolia Avenue, on August 3, 1969, which manifesto criticized ACTION.

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SLMACC is a local white segregationist group that was organized in 1964.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri

August 6, 1969

Title: ACTION

Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated
August 6, 1969, at St. Louis,
Missouri.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SL T-1 has not been a source long enough to have established reliability.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS ([redacted]) P
RE: ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

Remytel, 8-17-69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM reflecting church demonstrations on 8-17-69.

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AGENCY: CRD, ISD, ITU, RIA, [redacted],
ACSI, OSI, SS

HOW FORW: R/S
DATE FORW: AUG 25 1969 1cc Room 836
BY: J. C. [redacted] 2cc-1

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
3 - St. Louis (1 - [redacted] (ACTION)
(1 - 9-2040) (BLACK MANIFESTO)
(1 - 157-582) (SLMACC)

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

August 18, 1969

ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

On August 17, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] St. Louis Police Department, advised that members of ACTION appeared on August 17, 1969, at St. John's Lutheran Church, intersection of Morganford and Beck, and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis. These two churches had been visited the previous Sunday, August 10, 1969, by members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council (SLMACC).

ACTION is a local black activist group in St. Louis whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

SLMACC is a local organization of individuals primarily concerned with white segregation and states rights.

The members of ACTION distributed literature attacking "white racism" of Christian churches and calling for financial assistance to the Black community.

[redacted] also advised that a group of individuals supporting ACTION appeared at the St. Louis Cathedral on Lindell Boulevard. It is to be noted that ACTION is prevented from picketing the St. Louis Cathedral by a recently issued Federal court order.

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ACTION, RACIAL MATTERS

On August 17, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] St. Louis Police Department, advised that on August 17, 1969, members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Citizens Council appeared at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 5130 Wilson Street, and St. Margaret Catholic Church, 3854 Flad Avenue. They distributed literature calling for "reparations" to be paid to white victims of riots and arson.

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Police reports reflect there were no racial incidents or arrests in connection with any of the above demonstrations.

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FBI ST LOUIS

10:37 PM 8-17-69 TM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED]) 1P

ACTION: RACIAL MATTER

ON AUG. 17 INSTANT MEMBER ACTION, LOCAL BLACK ACTIVIST GROUP,
VISITED THREE CHURCHES IN ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN AREA. THEY
ATTACKED "WHITE RACISM" AND CALL FOR FINANCIAL AID TO MINORITY MEMBERS.

NO ARREST OR RACIAL INCIDENTS ATTENDED ABOVE. USA, SECRET
SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISED.

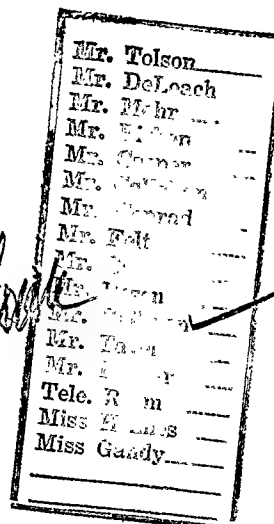
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FBI ST LOUIS

1033PM URGENT 8-21-69 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: ST. LOUIS [redacted]

ACTION; BLACK LIBERATION FRONT; RM.

[redacted] AND TWO WHITE MEMBERS OF ACTION CARRIED SIGNS
ON THE CORNER OF 9TH. AND WASHINGTON ST., SLMO INSTANT DATE
PROTESTING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SLMO.

NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST. SS, 113MI GROUP AND USA ADVISED.

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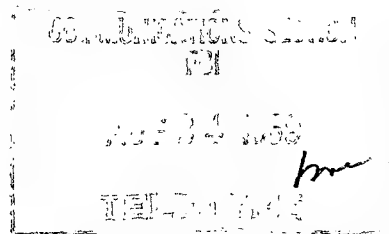
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FBI ST LOUIS

800PM URGENT 8-24-69 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

ACTION, RM-BN

[REDACTED] AND EIGHT OTHERS OF ACTION

VISITED THE ST. MICHAEL AND ST GEORGES ESPISCOPAL CHURCH, SIX THREE
FOUR FIVE WYDOWN, CLAYTON, MO AND PRESENTED DEMANDS. THEIR VISIT
RECEIVED BY THE CHURCH.

CITIZENS COUNCIL VISISTED THE ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
CLAYTON, MO AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS TO CONGREGATION AS THEY LEFT
CHURCH.

A GROUP OF WHITE CITIZENS VISITED SL CATHEDRAL IN SLMO AND PRO-
TESTED THE COURT ACTION TAKEN BY THAT CHURCH AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION
KNOWN AS ACTION.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST.

SECRET SERVICE, MIL. INTELL, AND USA ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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RE: ACTION
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Remytels, 8-21 and 8-24-69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM reflecting church demonstrations on 8-24-69, and picket of the Gateway Hotel at 9th and Washington, SLMO.

Copies of this LHM are being distributed locally to USA, MI, and SS.

[redacted] are under active investigation by this division. No investigation is actively pursued re local citizens council and group had visited St. Louis Cathedral on 8-24-69.

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HOW FORW: [redacted]
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BY: [redacted]

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Approved: [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

August 26, 1969

ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

On August 21, 1969, Detective [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit advised that three members of ACTION, [redacted] and two whites unknown, picketed in front of the Gateway Hotel at 9th and Washington Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The group carried signs which criticized Cardinal Carberry and his attitude toward the ACTION group.

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ACTION is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

On August 24, 1969, Detective [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit advised that [redacted] and eight others visited the St. Michael's and St. George's Episcopal Church located at 6345 Wydown, Clayton, Missouri, and presented demands to that church as they had to other churches in the past. At the conclusion of the demands [redacted] advised the membership that ACTION is suspending its confrontations with the Episcopal church for the next forty-five days since that denomination has been receptive to their demands and has accepted them cordially. The group passed out leaflets which criticized "White Racism."

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ACTION left both locations, the hotel and church, without incident or arrests.

On August 24, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department advised that on August 24, 1969,

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approximately ten members of the ~~St. Louis Metropolitan Area~~ *Mo*
Citizens Council (SLMACC) appeared at the Central Presbyterian
Church, 801 South Hanley Road, Clayton, Missouri, and distributed
leaflets entitled "A White Citizens Manifesto." This manifesto
called for financial reparations to be paid by Negro rioters
to white victims of arson and property destruction throughout
the United States. Members of this group left without incident
or arrest.

About five white individuals appeared at the St.
Louis Cathedral on August 24, 1969, according to Lieutenant
[] and protested the court action taken by that church
against members of the group known as ACTION. After a short
interview the group left the area without incident or arrest.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM ST. LOUIS [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATION:

LHM FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTENENT INFORMATION AS IT PERTAINS TO DEMONSTRATION ON SEPT. TWENTYFIFTH.

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ACTION, RM

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HEAD OF ACTION, PLANS TO DISRUPT VEILED PROPHET PARADE ON
SATURDAY, SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN NEXT. ACTION IS A LOCAL ACTIVIST
GROUP IN SLMO WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BOTH WHITES AND NEGROES.
GROUP HAS ENGAGED IN ACTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND DISTURBANCE
IN PAST.

VEILED PROPHET PARADE IS AN ANNUAL PARADE HELD IN SLMO
IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL BANDS OF LOCAL AREA PARTICIPATE. THIS
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HELD ON NIGHT PRECEDING PARADE.

ACCORDING TO ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER,
DATED SEPT. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, VASHON HIGH SCHOOL, SLMO, HAS WITH-
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and Attorney General. Date 9-26-69

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ACCORDING TO ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH NUMEROUS PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PARADE HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS FROM ACTION'S GROUP.

SECRET SERVICE, USA, AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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[REDACTED] WERE TAKEN TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT PD STATION.

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SLPD REPORTED NO ARRESTS OR RACIAL INCIDENTS OTHER THAN THE ABOVE. U.S. ATTORNEY, SECRET SERVICE, AND MIL INTELL ADVISED LOCALLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE?:

RE SL TEL TO BUREAU, NINE TWENTY SIX LAST. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. LHM FOLLOWS. P.
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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/26/69

Attached relates to plans to disrupt a parade in St. Louis tomorrow by an organization known as "Action."

Action is a local activist group in St. Louis whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. This group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbances in the past.

The veiled prophet parade is an annual parade in which high school bands in St. Louis area participate.

Copy of attached and preceeding teletype furnished Inter-Division Information Unit and pertinent portions being included in teletype summary to the White House and other interested agencies.

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RE SL TEL TO BUREAU SEPT TWENTYFIVE INSTANT SAME CAPTION.

SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED SEPT. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT THAT ACTION HAS
MADE PLANS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DISRUPT VEILED PROPHET
PARADE. PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) TO USE FIRECRACKERS IN ORDER TO GIVE ILLUSION OF
SNIPPERS AT BEGINNING OF PARADE
- (2) USE OF MOLASSES AND TACKS AS MEANS OF BLOWING TIRES
TO DELAY PARADE.
- (3) AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY NUMEROUS COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS
FROM SL AREA ALONG PARADE ROUTE.

SOURCE ADVISE EVERY DELAYING TACTIC IMAGINABLE SHORT FO
VIOLENCE WILL BE UTILIZED BY ACTION TO CAUSE PARADE TO BE DIS-
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ACTION IS A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP IN SLMO WHOSE MEMBERSHIP
INCLUDES BOTH WHITES AND NEGROES. GROUP HAS ENGAGED IN ACTS OF
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND DISTURBANCE IN PAST.

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Re SL tel, 9/15/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
reflecting church demonstrations on 9/15/69.

Copies of this LHM are being distributed locally
to U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, and 113th MI Group III.

[redacted] is presently under active
investigation by this Division.

St. Louis source is [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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St. Louis, Missouri
September 18, 1969

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ACTION

On September 15, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] of the civil rights group ACTION spoke to a gathering on Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1969, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2650 Miami Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The group was attending centennial services marking the 100th anniversary of Concordia Publishing House.

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ACTION is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

The Reverend Dr. Jacob A. OX Preus, preacher at the service and president of Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, went outside during the 3:00 p.m. services to speak to [redacted] head of ACTION, and his small group of Blacks and whites.

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[redacted] was given five minutes at the end of the services to speak to the gathering, which included representatives of Lutheran Churches throughout the Metropolitan area.

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[redacted] told the group he would like to meet with Lutheran leaders in the future to discuss at length the Negro's problems. He complained about the small number of Blacks employed by Concordia and about some of the properties and financial investments of the publishing company and the Lutheran Church. No mention was made of reparations to the Black community, the topic of most ACTION confrontations in local churches in recent months.

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The Reverend Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus agreed to meet again with Dr. Luther Mitchell to discuss arranging meetings between representatives of ACTION and the Synod and publishing house which it owns.

Members of the St. Louis Police Department watched the activity at the church from across the street. The situation was very orderly and no incident or arrests occurred.

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Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 9/21/69, with same title as this communication.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a self-explanatory LHM suitable for dissemination.

Copies are being furnished locally to U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, 113th Military Intelligence Group.

Source used in this LHM is [redacted]

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St. Louis, Missouri

September 24, 1969

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On September 21, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that civil rights group known as Action visited the three religious establishments on September 21, 1969. [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] presented demands to each assembly of parishioners. The three assemblies that were confronted were of the Jewish Faith and September 21, 1969, was chosen by the group because it was the first night of Yom Kippur.

Action is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose membership includes both white and blacks. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbances in the past.

Action first visited the Ttheris Israel-Chevra Kadisha Congregation at 6912 Delmar Boulevard in University City wherein the group was advised that they could not disturb the service in progress. Action's spokesman was given an opportunity to speak at the conclusion of that service.

The B'Nai Amoona Congregation at 524 Trinity Avenue, University City, and the United Hebrew Temple at 225 South Skinker, were also confronted by the Action group of ten persons. At each of these encounters, the following written demands were distributed:

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FROM ACTION HEADQUARTERS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: EV 1 3572

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ACTION'S DEMANDS UPON THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUES

"YOUR NEW MOONS AND YOUR APPOINTED SEASONS MY SOUL HATETH, THEY ARE A BURDEN UNTO ME: I AM WEARY TO BEAR THEM. AND WHEN YOU SPREAD FORTH YOUR HANDS, I WILL HIDE MINE EYES FROM YOU: YEA, WHEN YE MAKE MANY PRAYERS, I WILL NOT HEAR: YOUR HANDS ARE FULL OF BLOOD..... CEASE TO DO EVIL, LEARN TO DO WELL: SEEK JUSTICE, RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED.....COME NOW AND LET US REASON TOGETHER...."

(Isaiah 1:1-20)

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogue make it publicly known that they condemn slum landlords and that they tell their Jewish slum landlords to turn over all properties to the Black community.

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogues, large property owners, make itself available to act as a non-profit BONDING agency for all Black residents of St. Louis.

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogues identify with the struggles of Black people by openly and actively condemning all police officers who are guilty of firing at Black fleeing suspects, wounding or killing a Black fleeing suspect.

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogues demand that Morton May, owner of Famous-Barr Dept. Store and Stanley Goodman, President, hire more Black males in management and supervisory positions in all their stores, (city and county).

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogues take an active stand against Laclede Gas, Union Electric, Southwestern Bell and McDonnell-Douglas Corp., all companies which have consistently refused to hire sufficient numbers of Black men and to up-grade the Black man into better paying jobs. Remember, these companies, christian owned, refuse to hire Jewish men, especially in management positions.

ACTION DEMANDS 75% of the "monies take" of the Synagogues annually be relinquished to ACTION for the purpose of financing energetic community based programs that are actively combating white racism in other areas, regardless of Creed.

ACTION DEMANDS that the Synagogues take a stand in support of the public house rent-strikers and demand that the Board of Housing Commissioners request a Black male rent-striker to be on the Board.

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RE: ACTION

Source advised that there were no incidents or arrests of the group.

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DATE 5/8/78

ACTION, RACIAL MATTERS

CR REMYTELS, SEPT. TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED [REDACTED] OF ACTION,

AND ACTION GROUP PLAN TO CONFRONT VEILED PROPHET BALL ON ~~SEP 26~~
OCTOBER 3, 1969
DATE AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL TRY TO SEEK ADMITTANCE OF BLACK
VEILED PROPHET AND QUEEN OF HUMAN JUSTICE. IF ADMITTANCE
OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS IS DENIED VEILED PROPHET WILL BE
CHALLENGED TO DUEL BY BLACK VEILED PROPHET AND IF THIS CHALLENGE
IS DENIED MEMBERS OF ACTION WILL FORCEABLY TRY TO ENTER VEILED
PROPHET BALL.

ALTERNATE PLAN BY ACTION IS TO HAVE FIVE WHITE RELIGIOUS
MEMBERS OF GROUP ENTER BALL. IF FIVE WERE ADMITTED TO BALL
THEY WOULD PASS OUT LEAFLETS ATTACKING RACIST VEILED PROPHET
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BALL. [] HAS INSTRUCTED SOME ACTION MEMBERS TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOME STINK BOMBS FOR USE AT EITHER BALL OR PARADE, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING ANY YET.

ALSO ON THE OUTSIDE OF KIEL AUDITORIUM, PLACE THAT BALL (U) IS TO BE HELD, A PICKET LINE WILL BE SET UP WITH PREPARED SIGNS WHICH STATE "THE VEILED PROPHET BALL SYMBOLIZES WHITE RACISM; VIA BLACK EXTERMINATION."

[] IS MOST DESIROUS OF HAVING ALL PREDOMINENTLY BLACK HIGH SCHOOLS OF ST. LOUIS TO PULL OUT OF PARADE SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN NEXT AND IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE A WHITE HIGH SCHOOL FAIL TO APPEAR IN PARADE. [] HAS SENT NUMEROUS LETTERS TO PARTICIPANTS IN BALL AND PARADE, STATING PARTICIPATION IN SAME IS AT THEIR OWN RISK.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED] APPROPRIATE COVERAGE
OF BOTH BALL AND PARADE WILL BE PROVIDED AND BUREAU WILL BE
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TO DISRUPT VIELED PROPHET BALL (VPB) TO BE HELD TEN THREE NEXT.
PLANS DECIDED ON BY THE GROUPS WAS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TONIGHT,
TEN TWO INSTANT TO FIND KEIL AUDITORIUMS' TRANSFORMER.
KEIL AUDITORIUM IS PLACE IN SL AT WHICH VPB WILL BE HELD.

IF LOCATION OF TRANSFORMER IS EFFECTIVE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE ON
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RE ST. LOUIS TELS, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN
AND OCTOBER TWO, LAST RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED [REDACTED]
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GROUP PLANS TO FIRST ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE BALL, WHICH ACCORDING
TO SOURCE, HAS NEVER BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN YEARS PAST NOR DOES
THE ACTION GROUP BELIEVE IT WILL COME ABOUT WITH THIS ATTEMPT,
BUT IN THE EVENTUALITY OF THEIR ADMITTANCE INTO THE BALL THE
BLACK VEILED PROPHET, THE COUNTERPART OF THE VEILED PROPHET
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ON TO ADVISE THAT IF THE FOREGOING COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED THEN EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE BY THE BLACK VEILED PROPHET AND HIS QUEEN TO GET ARRESTED AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING AT FIFTEEN TWENTY MARKET STREET. SOURCE COULD NOT SUPPLY PLANS OF BLACK VEILED PROPHET AND HIS QUEEN TO GET ARRESTED.

THE WAR LORDS, AN EAST ST. LOUIS STREET GANG, INTEND TO AID THE ACTION GROUP IN DISRUPTING THE BALL BY FIRST RENDERING THE TRANSFORMER THAT SUPPLIES POWER FOR ELECTRICITY TO KIEL AUDITORIUM INOPERATIVE. KIEL AUDITORIUM IS A LARGE OPERA HOUSE USED FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL AND STAGE PERFORMANCES IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. IT IS LOCATED AT FIFTEENTH AND MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS.

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THE WAR LORDS ALSO INTEND TO RENDER THE WATER PUMPS OF THAT BUILDING ALSO INOPERATIVE, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE, INTO SAME.

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THE WAR LORDS, AN EAST ST. LOUIS STREET GANG, INTEND TO AID THE ACTION GROUP IN DISRUPTING THE BALL BY FIRST RENDERING THE TRANSFORMER THAT SUPPLIES POWER FOR ELECTRICITY TO KIEL AUDITORIUM INOPERATIVE. KIEL AUDITORIUM IS A LARGE OPERA HOUSE USED FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL AND STAGE PERFORMANCES IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. IT IS LOCATED AT FIFTEENTH AND MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS.

ACTION IS A LOCAL BLACK ACTIVIST GROUP IN ST. LOUIS, MO., WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BOTH WHITES AND BLACKS. THE GROUP HAS ENGAGED IN ACTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND DISTURBANCES IN THE PAST.

THE WAR LORDS ALSO INTEND TO RENDER THE WATER PUMPS OF THAT BUILDING ALSO INOPERATIVE, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE, INTO SAME.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI ST LOUIS

10:05 PM URGENT 10-3-69 TM

TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] 2P

Mr. Tolson_____
Mr. DeLoach_____
Mr. Mohr_____
Mr. Bishop_____
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Mr. Callahan_____
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RACIAL MATTERS

G.C. [REDACTED]

VEILED PROPHET BALL, ANNUAL FORMAL DEBUTANTE BALL IN ST.
LOUIS, HELD INSTANT DATE. MEMBERS OF ACTION, LOCAL BLACK ACTIVIST
GROUP WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BLACKS AND WHITES, SET UP PICKET
LINE ACROSS THE STREET FROM KEIL AUDITORIUM, THE SITE OF BALL.
ABOUT THIRTY PICKETS, THE MAJORITY WHITE, CARRIED SIGNS READING
"VEILED PROFIT" "KKK ON PARADE" AND "WHITE RACISM MUST GO"
UTILIZING A BULLHORN, PICKETS CHANTED ANTI-WHITE SLOGANS AND
INSULTED ARRIVING VEILED PROPHET BALL ATTENDEES. PICKETING
COMMENCED AT SEVEN ZERO FIVE PM AND LED BY [REDACTED]
OF ACTION.

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SHORTLY THEREAFTER WARLORDS OF EAST. ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS,

A MILITANT GANG COMPOSED OF NEGRO YOUTHS AND THEIR WHITE GIRL-
FRIENDS, ARRIVED AT SCENE AND STATIONED THEMSELVES NEAR THE
STREET CURB, OSTENSIBLY TO PROTECT ACTION PICKETS. WARLORDS

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and Attorney General. Date _____
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WHILE PICKETING CONTINUED, FOUR NEGRO MEMBERS OF ACTION WERE ARRESTED BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY PM AND SEVEN FIFTY PM INSTANT DATE AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE BALL WITHOUT TICKETS. THEY WERE ARRESTED PEACEABLY AND CHARGED WITH PUBLIC PEACE DISTURBANCE.

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AND

PICKETS CEASED AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM AND DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED. WARLORDS REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES AND THEN DEPARTED.

NO OTHER ARRESTS OR RACIAL INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ACCORDING TO SLPD. U.S. ATTORNEY, SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELL ADVISED.

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RE SL TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE AND OCTOBER TWO LAST. EVENTS OBSERVED BY BUAGENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM ST. LOUIS

ACTION
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] P
 SUBJECT: ACTION
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Re St. Louis tels dated 9/25/69, 9/26/69, and 9/27/69
 re captioned matter.

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 explanatory LHM suitable for dissemination.

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Sources used in this LHM are as follows:

SL T-1 is [REDACTED]
 SL T-2 is [REDACTED]

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SL T-5 is SA [REDACTED]

SL T-6 is SA [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

St. Louis, Missouri
October 2, 1969

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ACTION

On September 27, 1969, the Veiled Prophet Parade was held as scheduled at St. Louis, Missouri, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:15 P.M.

SL T-1 advised that as the automobile carrying the Governor of Illinois, Richard Ogilvie, and his wife proceeded down Lindell Boulevard shortly after the start of the parade, two white females of ACTION, [redacted] and unidentified second individual, broke into the parade throwing leaflets in the air which read "The Veiled Prophet Parade Symbolizes 'White Racism'; via 'Black Extermination' - ACTION" and threw themselves in front of the oncoming procession. Parade officials diverted the following cars and marching bands over and around the two bodies lying in the street and after the passage of same the St. Louis Police Department physically carried the two individuals to the sidewalk. No arrests were made of these two individuals.

ACTION is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose membership includes both whites and blacks. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE *5/4/78* *SM/jmt*

SL T-3 and SL T-4 advised that further down the parade route on Lindell, [redacted] of ACTION, and [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] were arrested by the St. Louis Police Department after [redacted] and

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[] were observed throwing tacks along the parade route in an attempt to halt the parade by blowing the tires of vehicles pulling floats in this parade.

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SL T-2 advised that there was a contingency of ACTION members located at the Berea Presbyterian Church located at 3010 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, who had already prepared for the arrest of the leader of ACTION,

[] This group, led by [] consisted of []

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[] carrying signs protesting the arrest of [] Shortly after learning of the arrest of [] this group went to the Central Police Station at Clark and 12th Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, according to SL T-1.

SL T-5 advised that at approximately 10:05 A.M. the same group previously mentioned appeared at the reviewing stand located at 13th and Olive and proceeded to heckle with signs and megaphones those seated in the reviewing stand which included the Governors of Missouri, Illinois, and four United States Senators plus their guests.

SL T-6 advised that two white members of ACTION, [] made a disturbance in the parade by running out to one of the floats in the parade and getting on same. The St. Louis Police Department immediately arrested these two individuals without incident.

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SL T-3 furnished the attached flier advertising the proposed demonstration of the group at the Berea Presbyterian Church, previously mentioned. SL T-1 furnished a copy of the flier thrown up by the members of ACTION as the Governor of Illinois passed.

Other than the above-described minor disturbances, the parade proceeded from its start to finish without any incident.

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ACTION

The Veiled Prophet Parade and Ball are annual fall events which begin the St. Louis social season. The Veiled Prophet represents the king of the mythical kingdom of Khorassan.

The above-mentioned individuals that congregated at the Berea Church in protest of the arrest of

[redacted] are identified as follows: [redacted]

[redacted] local

black militants that will participate in any militant disruption in the St. Louis area.

[redacted]
[redacted] are active leaders and members of the organization known as ACTION, previously described.

[redacted] is a member of the St. Louis Chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and has been an activist in anti-war and civil rights demonstrations in St. Louis.

The November 6, 1967, issue of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, a daily St. Louis newspaper, indicates the existence of the WILPF in St. Louis. The international headquarters of the WILPF in 1962 was in Geneva, Switzerland, and in the United States at 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The WILPF is essentially a peace organization whose stated purpose is to work for peace and freedom throughout the world.

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THE VEILED PROPHET PARADE

Symbolizes

WHITE RACISM; VIA

BLACK EXTERMINATION

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VEILED PROPRIETARY
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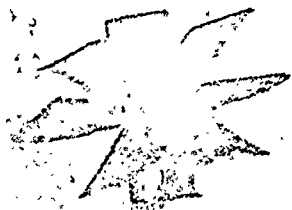
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File No.

St. Louis, Missouri
October 2, 1969

Title

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Reference

St. Louis letterhead memorandum
dated October 2, 1969.

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Date: 10/8/69

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] P
RE: ACTION
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SL T-4 is SA [REDACTED]

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HOW FORW:

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St. Louis, Missouri

October 8, 1969

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DATE *10/17/78* *SAH*

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ACTION

On October 3, 1969, the Veiled Prophet Ball, an annual formal debutante ball in St. Louis, Missouri, was held at Kiel Auditorium, 15th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kiel Auditorium is a location where numerous large events involving great numbers of people can be held.

On that evening a contingency of Action and [redacted] appeared at 1520 Market Street with the Black Veiled Prophet and his Queen Of Love And Beauty. This group gathered to picket the Veiled Prophet Ball. Also in support of this group were the Warlords, a young street gang from East St. Louis, Illinois, who came to act as guards for the picket line that was set up by Action.

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Action is a local activist group in St. Louis whose membership includes both whites and blacks. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and civil disturbances in the past.

SL T-1 advised that [redacted] told the group before they confronted the Veiled Prophet Ball that the group would picket across the street from the entrance to Kiel Auditorium and that the Black Veiled Prophet and his Queen would try to enter the Veiled Prophet Ball with arrests being evitable. SL T-1 advised that at this time with the support of the Warlords, the group proceeded from its location at 1520 Market, which is the Federal Building, to a location that had been previously designated and began picketing the Veiled Prophet Ball.

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RE: ACTION

SL T-3 and SL T-4 advised that [] shouted over a bull horn at those going to the Veiled Prophet Ball that "White Racism Must Go", "The Veiled Prophet Must Go", and "Governor Hearnes Must Go". Sources advised that this chant was continued from the beginning of the picket until it terminated later that evening.

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SL T-2 advised that one [] came to the entrance of Kiel Auditorium and requested to be allowed to enter same. When they were refused admittance, according to SL T-2, they refused to leave the entrance of the building whereupon they were arrested for public peace disturbance. SL T-2 also advised that a woman identifying herself as [] also sought admittance to the Veiled Prophet Ball. She too was refused admittance because she did not have the proper invitation. Being refused, this individual also failed to leave the entrance, and was arrested by the St. Louis Police Department. SL T-2 advised that approximately ten minutes after the first three persons had been arrested one [] member of Action, came to the entrance of Kiel Auditorium and asked to be admitted so that he may use the restroom. When he was refused, [] caused a public peace disturbance and was immediately arrested by the St. Louis Police Department (SLPD) on the same charge.

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SL T-1 advised that the Warlords had previously stated that they would disrupt the Veiled Prophet Ball by making a effort to knock out the transformers that supplied electricity to Kiel Auditorium but failed to do so according to the Warlords, because the security measures taken by the SLPD were too intense to afford them an opportunity to accomplish this end.

SL T-3 and SL T-4 advised that after the four arrests occurred as previously described, Action's group picketed for approximately 20 minutes thereafter and no other attempts were made by any of the group to enter the ball. After this chanting the group walked completely around Kiel Auditorium and proceeded to Central Police Station at 12th and Clark Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, in order to bail those individuals arrested out of jail.

SL T-1 advised that after a few verbal insults by the group toward the SLPD at Central Police Station, representatives from that group were allowed to post bond for those arrested. SL T-1 advised that there were no other incidents or arrests.

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St. Louis, Missouri

October 8, 1969

TITLE

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CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

St. Louis Letterhead Memorandum
dated October 8, 1969

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED] DATE: 10/23/69

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: ACTION
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Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 9/21/69; St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 9/24/69, with letterhead memorandum enclosed, entitled "DEMONSTRATION AT ST. LOUIS CENTRAL POLICE STATION, ST. LOUIS, MO., 9/19/69".

As reported in teletype of 9/21/69, the group from ACTION was to aid occupants of the Cochran Housing Project in a demonstration at the Central Police Station in protest of indiscriminate shooting by St. Louis Policemen as they returned fire of an individual located in that housing project. As reported, this demonstration failed to materialize, and at present all logical informants advise that the matter has sufficiently cooled in the St. Louis area and the demonstrations regarding this matter will not take place. *By*

No further investigation is going to be conducted regarding ACTION's participation in aiding occupants of the Cochran Housing Project in demonstrating.

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FBI ST LOUIS

7:55 PM URGENT 11-18-69 TMM

TO DIRECTOR [REDACTED]
FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] 3P

ACTION; RM - BN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE,
ENTITLED PICKETTING, NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, RM, WITH ST. LOUIS
FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR TWO FIVE SIX.

FIVE PERSONS ARRESTED BY ST. LOUIS PD FOR PUBLIC DISTURBANCE
OF PEACE AT NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, ST. LOUIS, MO, NOV. EIGHTEEN
INSTANT. THEY WERE [REDACTED]

USDJ JOHN K. REAGAN ISSUED ON NOV. SEVENTEEN LAST
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST ACTION, A VOLUNTARY
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, BLACK LIBERATION FRONT, A VOLUNTARY
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, [REDACTED]

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AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF
ACTION AND THE BLACK LIBERATION FRONT, WITH THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS BEING PLAINTIFFS IN THIS RESTRAINING ORDER: [REDACTED]

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SCHOOLBOARD MEMBERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SAC OF ST. LOUIS CONSULTED USA EDMO REGARDING POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS BY ACTION MEMBERS OF RESTRAINING ORDER USDJ, UNDER
TITLE EIGHTEEN USC SECS. FOUR ZERO ONE AND FOUR ZERO TWO.
USA CONSULTED USDJ REAGAN AND INFORMED THAT JUDGE WILL ENTERTAIN
COMPLAINT FROM PLAINTIFF FOR VIOLATION HIS ORDER AND USA
INFORMED NO FBI INVESTIGATION NECESSARY AT THIS POINT AS USM WILL
MAKE ANY ARRESTS. USA STATED POSSIBLE CERTAIN INVESTIGATION WILL

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TO DIRECTOR ([REDACTED])
FROM ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED])

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 11/19/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/2 - 11/13/69
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" ACTION		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED rsl
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM - BLACK NATIONALIST	

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Title marked changed to reflect current title to be used in this case. Heretofore the title read "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION", however, a review of the file indicates that although members of the Communist Party (CP) have at times been a part of this organization, through informants and coverage of this group, no leadership position is held by a CP member, nor does the organization take guidance from an Communist backed group. Finances for this organization also do not come from Communist groups or affiliated groups. With this fact in mind, it is suggested that the organization be now carried under Racial Matters, inasmuch as the character Internal Security - Communism is not now appropriate for this organization.

REFERENCE:

St. Louis report of SA [redacted] dated 2/28/69.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization in six months.

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INFORMANTS:

SL T-1 is [REDACTED]

SL T-2 is [REDACTED]

SL T-3 is [REDACTED]

SL T-4 is [REDACTED]

SL T-5 is [REDACTED]

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SL [REDACTED] APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Bureau File # [REDACTED]

Title:

ACTION

ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF

DATE

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Synopsis:

Title has been changed from "COMMUNIST INFILTRA-
TION OF ACTION" to its present title of "ACTION". ACTION
maintains headquarters at 4154 Newstead, SLMO. ACTION
officers, members and activities are set for CL.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not inves-
tigating the legitimate activities of ACTION. The investi-
gation is being conducted solely to determine the militant
aspect of this organization.

I. FORMATION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the
"St. Louis Post Dispatch", a daily newspaper publication in
St. Louis, Missouri, captioned "Civil Rights Action Group
Formed Here", which reported that civil rights organization
titled "Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes".
has been organized in St. Louis by an individual known as
PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was to be a

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non-violent, direct action organization similar to that of Committee for Racial Equality (CORE). The paper went on to quote GREEN as saying "we will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On June 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE. These individuals stated that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [redacted] during the election in CORE held in October, 1965, when [redacted] ran for Chairman. b6 b7C

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

Officers --

[redacted] Chairman

[redacted] Vice Chairman

[redacted] Recording Secretary

[redacted] Corresponding Secretary

[redacted] Treasurer

[redacted] Local Advisor

Unit Chiefs -

[redacted] Chairman

[redacted] Co-Chairman,

Employment

[redacted] Community Involvement

[redacted] Research

[redacted] Chairman

[redacted] Police Brutality

[redacted] Chairman

[redacted] Co-Chairman,

Black History

[redacted] Chairman

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MEMBERS OF ACTION GUERRILLA FORCE

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III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION was previously located at 2906 North Union Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, with telephone number of EV1-3572, but changed this location early this year to 4154 Newstead, second floor, St. Louis, Missouri, with telephone number of EV1-3572.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On March 20, 1969, SL T-3 advised that approximately 25 members of ACTION picketed the St. Louis Housing Authority headquarters from noon until 1:30 P.M. on March 20, 1969. During the time of March 20, 1969, the tenants of predominantly Negro high-rise apartment buildings in the St. Louis area decided to withhold rent money paid to the Housing Authority and place that money in a rent strike fund in order to force the Housing Authority to not raise rents of tenants and also to force the Housing Authority to make improvements on the low income housing.

ACTION participated along with the Rent Strike Committee (RSC) in demonstrating and protesting the actions of the Housing Authority.

The RSC was an unofficial spokesman for over 1,000 tenants of the St. Louis public housing who were engaged in a rent strike which began February 3, 1969, and ended October 15, 1969. The St. Louis Housing Authority manages all the city public housing projects.

On March 28, 1969, SL T-4 advised that ACTION was distributing throughout the St. Louis area leaflets entitled "White Racism States that Continental Baking Company, St. Louis, Missouri, Continues to Practice White Racism Through Hiring and Employment Practices". At this time ACTION had an open campaign against Wonderbread Company of St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to have that company hire a greater percentage of blacks in all types of jobs created

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by that company. Through the years, according to the source, ACTION has picked out numerous large companies throughout the City of St. Louis to stage written attacks against their hiring and employment practices. Source went on to advise that this was just another in the never ending chain of establishments that have been or will be accosted by ACTION's literary attacks.

On April 20, 1969, SL T-4 also advised that ACTION again, in aid of the rent strikers, carried a contingency of that organization of approximately 20 individuals out to Clayton, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri, to the house of [] of the St. Louis Housing Authority, in an effort to aid in obtaining the goals of the RSC. At this time the group burned a dummy hanging from a tree near [] house in his effigy.

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Following this incident, ACTION demonstrated every Sunday at [] house in a similar manner, although no other burnings of effigies or direct insults were given. They did at all times have a barbeque in front of this ho . .

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On May 27, 1969, SL T-4 advised that ACTION was in the process of putting together a church manifesto which they intended to use at numerous confrontations in visits to churches throughout the St. Louis area in the coming months. Source advised that the manifesto was not a demand for a set amount of money, but mainly dealt with the items ACTION felt were directly attributed to the religious establishments in St. Louis. A copy of the manifesto follows:

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~~ACTION'S~~
BLACK-PAPER REPORT

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS, MO.

~~Memorandum~~
ACTION's Church Committee, a 15 manned task-force, conducted this study beginning Tuesday, 7 January 1969.

~~M.D.~~
Sister Cecilia Goldman,
Chairman

Rev. William L. Matheus,
Co-Chairman

~~Ivory Perry,~~
Chief Investigator

Date released to the public Sunday, 6 July 1969.

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INTRODUCTION

A spokesman for ACTION stated, "since Cardinal Carberry is reluctant in being honest to his fellow Roman Catholics and to the public at large, we were compelled to release the "truth" for him. Public honesty concerning the Roman Catholics investments, annual income and political influence would cause Cardinal Carberry to loose friendship with Mayor A. J. Cervantes and the big business leaders. The Cardinal values this relationship more so than anything in the world, even Black human beings."

The Cardinal wouldn't dare publicly state to the St. Louis Police Board, "in the eyes of God your white Policemen are murdering Black fleeing suspects by shooting them down, or, J.D. McDonnell for God sake, don't you realize you're de-humanizing Black men by refusing them decent paying jobs to provide for their families?"

ACTION charges that if Cardinal Carberry would ever publicly criticize the Mayor or some big business leader on racial issues, the same economic and political element that brought him to St. Louis and made him "Cardinal" would be the same element that would force him to leave this area. The Cardinal would be looked upon as an irresponsible Cardinal, not willing to accept orders dictated to him by white racist Fat Cats. But "responsible" to all people in struggle, both white and Black, this would be Christ-like. ACTION thinks for the Cardinal to take on such a role is wishful thinking. Cardinal Carberry is too interested in remaining a Fat Cat.

- ACTION DEMANDS -

- 1) ACTION DEMANDS a listing of all properties owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Missouri - including all slum property - be made public.
- 2) ACTION DEMANDS the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Missouri as another of St. Louis' large property owners make itself available as a non-profit bonding agency for all Black residents of St. Louis.
- 3) ACTION DEMANDS that Cardinal Carberry place all Catholic police officers guilty of firing at unarmed Black fleeing suspects, wounding or killing an unarmed Black fleeing suspect, under disciplinary action of the Church and make it publicly known.
- 4) ACTION DEMANDS removal of all Catholic Church investments from Laclede Gas, Union Electric, Southwestern Bell and McDonnell-Douglas Corp. Firms that have consistently refused to hire sufficient numbers of Black men and to upgrade Black men into better paying jobs.
- 5) ACTION DEMANDS 75% of the "monies-take" of the Roman Catholic Church of Missouri annually be relinquished to ACTION for the purpose of financing energetic community based Black programs that are actively combating white racism.
- 6) ACTION DEMANDS that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Mo. publicly demand that a Black male rent strike tenant be selected by the rent strike leaders to serve on the St. Louis Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

THIS IS THE WAY IT WORKS

A real estate company says to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis we're going to donate to you certain pieces of property. Immediately these pieces of property get a tax write-off for the realtor as a religious donation! The same real estate company then goes back to the Archdiocese and asks to lease these same pieces of now tax-exempt property. Everyone making a 100% profit!

ACTION DEMANDS SOME EXPLANATION OF THIS: For instance...

On the date of 3 June 1969, when ACTION's investigators were checking properties owned by the Archdiocese, the investigators found that the following pieces of property were owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis under Cardinal Carberry's name. At this time, ACTION's investigators were told that the Archdiocesan books were to be closed for one month, in order to make necessary changes! When the investigators returned to the books on July 3, 1969, they found that the same pieces of property were now listed as being owned by or leased to Clemence Investment Company. Clemence works out of the Global Investment, 823 Chestnut Street, which also involves an Allan H. Tamarkin and a Mr. Richard Levy. In the Assessors office these pieces of property are listed under Co-operative and non-profit corporations. These same pieces of property under the Archdiocese and Clemence Investment Co. are names listed as not having paid taxes for the years 1967-1968.

It is interesting to note that: Once ACTION's investigators began investigating the books in the Recorder of Deeds office the books concerning the Archdiocese property listings were closed to the public.

The following pieces of property were listed in the books of the Recorder of Deeds office under the name of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They are also listed as having been sold to or leased to Clemence Investment Co. Each piece of property is delinquent in taxes.

- 1) 4841-47 Easton Avenue (City Block # 3783) - Delinquent Revenue 1967 - \$606.48

This piece of property is a store-front section with residents living upstairs.

- 2) 5415 St. Louis Avenue (City Block # 4823) - Delinquent Revenue 1967 - \$220.78 - Book & Bill No. 40133

This piece of property is Ray's Barber Shop with residents living upstairs.

- 3) 2214-16 Mullanphy St. (City Block # 2314) - Delinquent Revenue 1967 - \$239.93

Part of this property is slum, no residents live here. It is unliveable with no signs of rehabilitation.

- 4) 2215-17-19 Madison St. (City Block #2329) - Delinquent Revenue 1967 - \$255.36 - Book & Bill No. 40142

This piece of property are all homes with residents living there.

- 5) 2234-36 N. Market St. (City Block # 2345) - Delinquent Revenue 1967 - \$193.64 - Book & Bill No. 40131

This property is occupied. The property has a sign "for rent", see Arthur Schneider, MA.1-0780, with no address listed.

- 6) 15 Finney Avenue (City Block 3742) Delinquent
Revenue 1967 - \$293.13 - Book & Bill No. 34384

(This is an interesting piece of property. It is slum property which was "willed" to the Archdiocese in 1967. At the time that the Archdiocese owned this property, a group of residents formed called the Finney Block group, whose purpose was to rehabilitate their own living area. The Archdiocese, a non-profit organization, could have sold this property to the Finney Block residents for \$1. Thus putting this property in the hands of the people. Instead, it sold it to the Clemence Investment Co., a slum landlord dealer, for a profit. It does not matter if the Church tells us that they gave this money to one of their churches in the Black community. Black people told the Archdiocese what their needs were and the Church did not respond.

* Remember Delinquent Taxes double each year, we began with the year 1967, it is not 1969!

The following properties are listed to be owned by Religious Communities here in St. Louis. All Religious Communities which are established in St. Louis are responsible to the Bishop of that diocese, in this case, it is Cardinal John Joseph Carberry.

1) The Maryknoll Sisters Community

This community owns a piece of land property in Valley Park, Mo. This property stretches across Church Rd. & Streckert. Both the Urban League and the Human Development Corp. have negotiated with the Maryknoll Sisters with wanting to buy this property for the use of building low-income housing. The Maryknoll Srs. have consistently refused to sell this property stating:

- A. They do not want these type of people living so close.
- B. They are afraid of the racial tension it will cause.

2) The Society of Mary

This Society owns the Chantilly Arms Apts., located on Big Bend Blvd., west of Lindbergh. The manager is a teacher at Meramac Valley College. It is sad to think that a Religious Community must own an apartment complex, but it is even sadder to know that this Religious Community has a policy of "no vacancies" to Black people.

3) Knights of Columbus

The River Roads Shopping Center, corner of Jennings Rd. & Hallsferry Rd., was listed as property being owned by the Knights of Columbus, at the time this shopping center was being built. The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic laymen directly responsible to the Bishop of the diocese, Card. John Carberry.

4) Archdiocese of Louisville Kentucky

It is not enough that we must deal with our own Archdiocese, but it seems that other Catholic Archdiocese's have their hand in the till! A piece of property located at 2946-48 Easton Ave. was rented by the Brother's Educational Foundation. A non-profit organization whose purpose is to train Black men in the skill of drafting. The Bros. Foundation had requested many times the opportunity of buying this property from the Bishop of Kentucky. The Jeff Vander-Lou Corp. also requested from the Archdiocese of Kentucky the right to buy this property. A representative was sent here from the Archdiocese of Louisville Kentucky to talk with Rev. John Shocklee. After this the property was sold to a private owner. Why is it that the Catholic Church refuses to live by its stated purpose, a non-profit organization? The men who founded Bros. Educational Foundation gave their time and money for the purpose of establishing a training school, where all profits would be to the trainees. Why didn't the Archdiocese of St. Louis, responsible to our people, not encourage the Archdiocese of Kentucky to sell this property for \$1. to Bros. Educational Foundation?

- CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS PROPERTIES -

Catholic Churches	Total Assessed Evaluation	
	Land	\$ 1,173,510
	IMP.	5,751,300
		\$ 6,924,810
Cardinal John J. Carberry	Land	\$ 1,839,220
	IMP	9,379,400
		\$11,218,620

This is the FIRST Black Paper Report issued by ACTION. This is the first of two documents. This research has included not only property, but investments, employment and the power of the Catholic community in areas of the Police Department, our Judges and Court systems and in Big Business.

" GOD WORKS THROUGH ACTION TO CLEAN-UP THE CHURCHES "

WHEN A SO-CALLED SHEPARD OF GOD MISUSES HIS TEACHING FOR ECONOMICAL-POLITICAL PROSTITUTION, HE HAS "SPIT INTO THE COMMUNION CUP."

WHEN A SO-CALLED SHEPARD OF GOD UNITES WITH THE MODERN DAY PHAROAH TO FURTHER THE OPPRESSION AGAINST THE POOR, MAINLY THE BLACK POOR, HE HAS SPIT INTO THE COMMUNION CUP.

WHEN A SO-CALLED SHEPARD OF GOD REFUSES TO PUBLICLY IDENTIFY WITH THE POOR AND IDENTIFY WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WHITE-RACIST OPPRESSOR, HE HAS "SPIT IN THE COMMUNION CUP".

WHEN THE SO-CALLED SHEPARD OF GOD ALLOWS MATERIAL THINGS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER HUMAN BEINGS, HE HAS " SPIT INTO THE COMMUNION CUP".

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On May 20, 1969, according to the May 22, 1969 issue of the "St. Louis American", a Negro oriented newspaper in the St. Louis area, at Stouffer's Inn in St. Louis at the time that Cardinal J. C. Carberry was being honored by an audience of approximately 2,000, the members of ACTION picketed the demonstration and carried signs which stated "Cardinal Carberry, Black Catholic Churches Need Your Support" and "An ACTION Tribute to Cardinal Carberry, White Conscience".

At the beginning June, 1969, ACTION started a series of visits and/or confrontations with churches in and around the St. Louis area, known as ACTION's Black Sundays. These confrontations consisted of a group from ACTION's Church Committee going to the churches and first asking those in authority if they could orally present ACTION's manifesto to the congregation, and if permission was granted, same was read; at the end of the religious service, the group would then pass printed copies of the manifesto to those in attendance. The following is a list of the churches, religious meetings and organizations and locations where ACTION appeared:

Normandy, Missouri Catholic Church, 7005 Ascension Drive, on June 11, 1969

Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, 7401 Delmar Boulevard, on June 15, 1969

Christ Church Cathedral, 13th and Locust Streets, on June 15, 1969

St. Louis Cathedral, Lindell Boulevard, June 8 and 15, and August 17, 1969

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 South Grand, on June 8, 1969

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 7148 Forsyth Boulevard, University City, Missouri, on June 22, 1969

Old Riverfront Cathedral, Memorial Drive and Pine, on July 13, 1969

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Fair and West Florissant, on July 6, 1969

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St. Monica Catholic Church in Creve Coeur,
12136 Olive Boulevard, on July 27, 1969

St. Timothy Episcopal Church, 808 North Mason
Road, on July 27, 1969

St. John's Basilica Church, 1909 Chestnut,
on August 3, 1969

St. Peters Catholic Church, 343 West Argonne,
on August 3, 1969

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2137 East John
Avenue, On August 3, 1969

Little Flower Catholic Church, Arch Terrace and
Volland Avenue, Richmond Heights,
Missouri, on August 10, 1969

St. Johns Lutheran Church, Morganford and
Chippewa, on August 17, 1969

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church,
3140 Meramec, on August 17, 1969

St. Michael and St. George Episcopal Church,
6345 Wydown, Clayton, Missouri,
on August 24, 1969

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 8449 Jennings
Road, on September 7, 1969

St. Jacobi Lutheran Church, 8646 Jennings Road,
on September 7, 1969

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2650 Miami Street,
on September 15, 1969

Concordia Publishing Company, South Jefferson,
on September 14, 1969

Tpheris Israel Chevra Kadisha Congregation at
6912 Delmar on September 21, 1969

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D'Nai Ammona Congregation at 524 Trinity Avenue,
University City, on September 21, 1969

United Hebrew Temple, 225 South Skinner Boule-
vard, on September 21, 1969.

On July 10, 1969, SL T-5 advised that Judge James H. Meredith issued an injunction against ACTION and its further demonstrations at churches in the St. Louis area from a suit filed by Cardinal J. J. CARBERRY and members of the St. Louis Cathedral.

During the month of August, 1969, according to SL T-6, many meetings were held by the ACTION group with Krey Packing Company and its representatives, in an effort to iron out difficulties involving ACTION's demands for hiring more blacks and increasing the position of those hired.

SL T-4 advised on August 30, 1969, that following businesses in the St. Louis area have been active and vocal protest by the ACTION group. These businesses are Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Eads Company, Union Electric Company, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Krey Packing Company, and McDonnell Douglas.

SL T-7 advised that during the latter part of June, 1969, the new stop and frisk order for the St. Louis area became law, and [REDACTED] and the ACTION group came out in numerous newspaper articles lambasting the new law. Source stated that GREEN advised that he felt that the police committee should rescind this order for it is a tactic of stopping, frisking and questioning citizens for a crime before a crime has been committed. Source also stated that with all attempts the law is still in effect and GREEN has apparently dropped that attitude.

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On July 8, 1969, SL T-4 advised that ACTION group presented a paper giving a list of the names of the individuals by [REDACTED] and the coverage of the individuals that were black and the various capacities in which they were the paper follows:

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~~ACTION'S~~
WHITE-PAPER REPORT

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT WHITE RACISM AT THE MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS
CORPORATION, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

ATTENTION: McDonnell is the largest employer in the State of
Missouri, and does 90% of its work for the government -
space, defense vehicles and defense research.

Research compiled by ACTION's Employment Committee -- starting date
1 October 1968; completion date, 5 May 1969; a 60-staff headed by
Mr. Gus Banks, Chairman; Mr. Johnny Henderson, Co-Chairman.

Date submitted to ACTION's General Assembly for approval Sunday,
11 May 1969: Approved Sunday 18 May 1969.

For the past eight months, 57 of ACTION's Employment Committee members, who are also employees of McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, both in managerial job categories and union job categories, have conducted an intensive study of McDonnell's employment practices from within the company.

This group was racially composed of 21 Blacks and 36 whites, both male and female. The information was obtained by cautiously moving from department to department, counting heads and casually asking questions and talking with department officials.

The following information shows clearly and visibly racial discrimination in hiring and upgrading that have and still exist at McDonnell-Douglas Corporation.

YEAR 1968:

A.) MALE WHITE COLLAR JOBS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Other</u>
16,180	400	30

FEMALE WHITE COLLAR JOBS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Other</u>
3,250	80	0

B.) STATISTICS OF BREAKDOWN

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Black</u>
1. Technician	2,200	52
2. Office-clerical	7,190	320
3. Craftsman skilled	15,150	1,440
4. Office managerial	5,000	50
5. Professionals	6,125	69
6. Salesmen	54	0
7. Unskilled laborers	250	170
8. Service workers	880	350
9. Semi-skilled crafts	3,750	1,440

SPECIFICS - PLANT SUPERVISORS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1. Foreman	350	349	1
2. General Foreman	106	106	0
3. Assistant Foreman	1,215	1,179	36

PERSONNEL DIVISION

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1. Cafeteria	350	110
2. Personnel Records	66	2
3. Employment Division	48	6
4. Public Relations	26	8
5. Security Division	335	6
6. Health & Safety Division	56	0
7. Training Division	137	25

During the year 1968 less than 10% of the total work force were Black. As of this date May, 1969 the total work force at McDonnell is approximately 34,000, with less than 2,500 Black employees. Nearly 98% of the Blacks are confined to the menial tasks that pay the lowest wages even though in some cases, many Blacks are given misleading job titles.

There is very little chance of a Black employee transferring to a more meaningful job that pays a higher wage. Recently McDonnell has laid off approximately 2,000 people of which 60% were Black and held menial positions in the company.

EXAMPLE:

YEAR 1968

Lateral transfers: 6 Blacks were considered of the 149 total.

Blacks requesting to be up-graded: 174 were disqualified of the 268 total.

The Employment Committee also discovered that the St. Louis Human Rights Commission, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and the Federal Compliance Office in Washington, D.C., has done absolutely nothing to force McDonnell to comply with the equal opportunity code. Not one case of racial discrimination has ever been decided against McDonnell, even though a few investigators had submitted findings of racial discrimination to their commissioners. When these findings reached their commissioners, which is the decisive body, the investigator's reported-findings are disregarded. Shortly afterwards, he is seeking new employment.

The only time an investigator's report is important to the commissioners is when it favors McDonnell, which is against the plaintiff.

The McDonnell organization contributed thousands and thousands of (hush-mouth) dollars into all incumbent local and congressional political campaign who aids McDonnell in receiving large space and defense contracts. All of these incumbants are white racists by their past and present acts and deeds in regards to Blacks.

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Moreover, these politicians have direct white-racist political control over these civil rights agencies, whose commissioners are appointed by the same politicians. Also, that same political controls governs the Judge's decisions in all court proceedings involving racism at McDonnells.

Consequently, it is impossible for Black residents of Metropolitan St. Louis to seek justice at McDonnell-Douglas Corporation working through the city, state and federal civil rights agencies and the judicial system.

SOLUTION

St. Louis Black residents must make it more costly for McDonnell-Douglas Corporation to NOT implement a JUST-EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE . . . than the rewards McDonnell-Douglas Corporation is giving the White Racist (politicians) who allow him to practice Black extermination!

MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS CORPORATION
(Political & Financial Influences)



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Appointed By
(St. Louis Mayor
A.J. Cervantes)

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COM.

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On July 28, 1969, SL T-5 advised that approximately 25 members of ACTION marched in front of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in protest again with this organization's hiring practices concerning blacks. On July 29, 1969, source advised the group again picketed the front of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 12th and Pine Streets.

On September 25, 1969, SL T-4 advised that [] and ACTION intended to disrupt the Veiled Prophet Parade that was to take place on September 27, 1969. On September 27, 1969, [] leader of ACTION, and one of his generals were arrested when attempting to throw tacks on the parade route from an automobile. He and [] were booked on suspicion of littering the streets and released on \$250 bond each. b6
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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION MO

The Veiled Prophet Parade is an parade held annually in the St. Louis, Missouri area with bands and floats from various schools that annually highlights the Veiled Prophet Ball, the debutante ball which begins each year's social season in the St. Louis area.

On October 3, 1969, SL T-5 and SL T-7 advised that [] and ACTION planned to disrupt the Veiled Prophet Ball by seeking admittance for members of ACTION and also the Black Veiled Prophet, the counterpart of the Veiled Prophet sponsored by ACTION, into the auditorium. Also, they advised that ACTION's group planned to picket and use a local street gang from East St. Louis, Illinois, known as the Warlords, as protection for the marchers, according to []. On October 3, 1969, the Veiled Prophet Ball in St. Louis was held and members of ACTION did picket and seek admittance to the Veiled Prophet Ball. From that confrontation there were five arrests. [] group picketed the Veiled Prophet Ball in his words "because it is a racist activity sponsored by well-to-do whites of St. Louis with little or no participation by blacks". b6
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V. PUBLICATIONS

ST. LOUIS, MO

On March 12, 1969, ACTION changed its format of newspaper from "Action Attack News" and published a one-time edition of "The Struggle". The reason for the change in name of ACTION's publication was given because it had combined its

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publishing staff with other dissident groups in the St. Louis area and the new title was used because the group felt that it was appropriate. With that one edition, according to SL T-4, ACTION had internal differences with the other organizations and abandoned the idea of the new paper and again went back to publishing the paper under the old title "Action Attack News". Although the paper is to be published and distributed biweekly, copies of same are far and few between, that is to say approximately four issues have been published this year.

VI. FUNDS

On November 16, 1969, SL T-4 advised that ACTION has approximately \$50 in its treasury and this amount is due to donations received from a fund set up in name in which anonymous individuals can donate to ACTION's activities.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

November 19, 1969

Title	ACTION	
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST	
Reference	St. Louis report of Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated November 19, 1969.	b6 b7C

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FBI ST LOUIS

8:50 PM URGENT 11-24-69 TMM

TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS

SUBJECT: ACTION; RM.

SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED ELEVEN TWENTYFOUR INSTANT THAT [redacted]

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[redacted] WITH MEMBERS OF ACTION PICKETTED

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. LOUIS, AT FORTYONE FORTY LINDELL,
ST. LOUIS, MO. GROUP CARRIED SIGNS AND MARCHED QUIETLY FROM
FOUR PM TO FOUR THIRTY PM SIGNS STATED THAT CATHOLIC CHURCH IS
A RACIST ORGANIZATION. NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

USA, SS, ONE THIRTEEN MI ADVISED.

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1130PM URGENT 11-30-69 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED INSTANT DATE ACTION VISITED INTER-DENOMINA-
TIONAL CHURCH, MANSION HOUSE, RIVERFRONT DR, SLMO. GROUP ALLOWED TO PRE
SENT BLACK PAPER AGAINST CATHOLIC CHURCH AND DISTRIBUTED SAME. SOURCE
ALSO ADVISED GROUP IS TO PICKET FROM FOUR - FIVE PM. TWELVE ONE SIXTY-
NINE IN FRONT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SLMO, FOUR ONE FOUR ZERO LINDELL.

NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST.

USA, SECRET SERVICE, MI ADVISED.

ADMIN: LHM FOLLOWS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM ST. LOUIS
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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted] -P-
RE: ACTION
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Re SL teletype to Bureau, 11-24-69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum, suitable for dissemination.

A copy of this LHM is being distributed locally to U. S. Attorney, Military Intelligence and Secret Service

Source used in LHM is [redacted] and SA [redacted] is on the Agitator Index of the St. Louis Office. [redacted] furnished a copy of the Black Action Paper.

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BY: J. C. [redacted]

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Approved: [signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri 63177

December 2, 1969

ACTION

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed on November 24, 1969, [redacted]

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[redacted] and about seven young members of a local group in St. Louis, ACTION, picketing in front of the Catholic Charities of St. Louis, located at 4140 Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri. These individuals picketed approximately from 4:00 P.M. until 4:15 P.M. at which time they put the signs into a car and the individuals got into same and left. During the picketing [redacted]

[redacted] talked to an individual for a brief period and at the termination of that talk the group left the area. The group carried signs during their brief stay which stated that the Catholic Church and/or the Cardinal ran a white racist organization.

ACTION is a local activist group of the St. Louis area made up of both Whites and Blacks. This group has participated in civil disobedience and/or disturbances in the past.

[redacted] is a white Episcopalian Minister of the St. Louis area that has rendered his services and/or participation in the activities of the group known as ACTION.

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[redacted] currently under suspension with her order because of her activities with ACTION.

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Source advised that the group picketing in front of the

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ACTION

Catholic Charities of St. Louis on November 24, 1969, had had intended to picket for approximately one hour carrying signs and passing out a ACTION Black Paper Report entitled "The Catholic Charities of St. Louis." Source stated that as the group began to picket, [redacted] of the Catholic Charities came out to confer with the group and requested that the group present its grievances in the near future to a committee, which he, [redacted] would set up. The group agreed to same and ceased to picket at that time. Source advised that at this time the group has not set up a time for the meeting nor a place.

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The following is a copy of ACTION'S Black Paper Report:

ACTION'S

BLACK PAPER REPORT

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. LOUIS

ACTION'S Church Committee, a 15 manned task force, conducted this study beginning Tuesday, 8, July 1969

Sister Cecilia Goldman,
Chairman

Rev. William L. Matheus,
Co-Chairman

Madame Carol Perry,
Chief Investigator

Date of approval by ACTION Sunday 16, November 1969 signed by

Chairman Percy Green, II

Acting Vice-Chairman

Dr. Luther Mitchell, PhD; BHS

Date released to the public November 24, 1969

INTRODUCTION

It is interesting to note the PROLOGUE of the Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

"Our services are complete - ranging from care of the unborn child to burial of the friendless and indigent. Our clients come from all walks of life, bringing with them myriads of problems, fears and unrealized hopes, each of which must be handled, not only sympathetically, but with sharply high standards of practice. We draw to the limit on the training, skill and devotion of our entire professional staff, implementing all the resources possible to strengthen individual and family life. We seek to draw from our clients the best they have to offer - at the same time demanding no less of ourselves."

There is only one sentence missing in the Prologue of Catholic Charities:

"FOR WHITES ONLY"

The research conducted by ACTION'S Church Committee will indicate to the racist policies and attitudes within many of the agencies of Catholic Charities.

There is one statement we will hold Catholic Charities responsible for: "As we look to the future, we are confident that innovations will blend with current functions. "Where we are" must become "where we are heading."

If Catholic Charities wants to change and move forward it must immediately implement the following:

1. Eliminate the present racist Board of Directors.
2. Re-establish a new Board composed of Black people and only those White people who are committed to function in the best interest of Equality.
3. Eliminate agencies which are totally racist and establish new agencies that will work towards elimination of poverty and racism.
4. Add more Black staff to the administration of Catholic Charities.
5. Re-direct the service of monies, as of now, it is not reaching the poor.

RACISM WITHIN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Department of Children

While the Department serves Catholic children "of any Race" from birth to 21 years of age, a careful perusal of the 1968 Report indicates that not all services are actually open to all Races.

AGENCIES OPEN TO ALL

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Served</u>	<u>\$Amt.</u>
Convent of the Good Shepherd	131	141,695
Catholic Women's League (Nursery)	183	73,867
Guardian Angel Settlement	141	90,910
St. Patrick's Day Nursery	70	32,965
Stella Maris Day Care Center	117	66,785
St. Elizabeth Day Nursery	208	61,780
Total	850	468,002
United Fund Share 38%		175,159

AGENCIES OPEN TO WHITES ONLY

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Served</u>	<u>\$Amt.</u>
Fr. Dunne's Home For Boys	57	87,423
Mercita Hall Home - Girls	25	54,986
St. Joseph's Home - Boys	66	106,031
St. Vincent Home	58	102,388
St. Joseph Inst. For Deaf	188	291,778
Child Center of Lady of Grace	443	264,293
	837	906,899
		259,779

NOTE:

1. Although the same number of children are being served in each category, the shocking fact emerges that in the "WHITE ONLY GROUP", TWICE as much money is allocated as compared to the open policy group. Approximately \$550 per child is allocated to those agencies admitting Black children and a whopping \$1,083 is allocated where whites only are permitted.
2. United Funds allocation to the White only Group is only 9% less than that allocated to the open group. This is particularly shocking when you realize that under the terms of the United Fund eligibility, no institutions which discriminate are eligible to receive funds.

BLACK ADOPTIONS

ACTION'S research committee has also learned that although the Board approved the subsidy of Black Adoptions in December of 1968, it was November of 1969 before a select few caseworkers were notified of this. Why?

And how can United Fund money be accepted in good conscience when such blatant racism infests Catholic Charities? Especially, how could United Fund money be accepted prior to December, 1968 when it was not even the policy of Catholic Charities to handle Black adoptions?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES STAFF EMPLOYMENT

Another instance of White racism and discrimination is the fact that out of approximately 75 employees, only 3 are Black. This includes:

- 1 Black Social Worker
- 1 Black Student Social Worker
- 1 Black Typist

These facts speak for themselves!

VILLA MARIA HOME

The Villa Maria Home, 8201 Florissant Rd., Normandy, Mo. is a residence for unmarried Mothers, operated by Catholic Charities of St. Louis and staffed by the Sisters of Divine Providence. We point to this agency particularly, because Black Women are not even considered for entrance. The agency has actually become a "private-hide-out" for daughters of well-to-do parents from Ladue. Again the shocking fact of money supplied for the rich - who could financially take care of their problem. At least 25 Black Women have reported to ACTION'S investigators that they were turned away from the Villa Maria Home.

FATHER JIM'S HOME

Father Jim's Home (Legal title: Father Dempsey's Hotels, Inc.) 3427 Washington Ave. The hotel was established in 1906, and is intended for poor working men. Again the statement must read "for poor-WHITE ONLY working men." Father Jim's Home will not admit Black men or even consider them for entry. How can Catholic Charities allow an institution, completely racist, to continue to function and supported financially Catholic Charities.

99.9% of the Persons listed below are White Racist.

Q112: Can you locate that .1% that is non-racist?

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"GOD WORKS THROUGH ACTION TO CLEAN-UP THE CHURCHES"



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri 63177

December 2, 1969

Title

ACTION

Character

RACIAL MATTER

Reference

St. Louis Letterhead Memorandum
dated December 2, 1969

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] 2P

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MADE UP EQUALLY OF WHITES AND BLACKS, HAVE COMMENCED THEIR
ANNUAL BLACK CHRISTMAS BOYCOTT AND DEMONSTRATION IN SLMO.

THE GROUP PICKETED THE ANNUAL FUND RAISING TREE OF THE
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FIFTEEN JUVENILES. TWO OF MALE JUVENILES DRESSED IN SANTA CLAUS
SUITS ATTEMPTED TO CLIMB THE FORTY FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE AS A
PROTEST ACTION AGAINST SALVATION ARMY. ONE JUVENILE ARRESTED BEFORE

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SOURCE ADVISED JUVENILES TAKEN TO JUVENILE AUTHORITIES SLMO AND GROUP DISPERSED AFTER A HOURS' MARCH AND PICKETTING, SEVEN PM TO EIGHT PM, WITHOUT OTHER INCIDENTS AOR ARRESTS.

USA, SS, ONE THIRTEEN MI ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATION

SOURCE [REDACTED] SSOURCE ADVISED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON TOMORROW SAME TIME AND SAME PLACE.

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DO TO CONTINUING NATURE OF BLACK CHRISTMAS DEMONSTRATION BY ACTION LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED WEEKLY. BUREAU KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BY TELETYPE AS INCIDENTS OCCUR.

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MR. TANNER
ROOM 836 9&D

12-11-69

TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS

ACTION (RM)

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USA, SS, ONE THIRTEEN MI ADVISED.

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FBI ST LOUIS

3:11PM URGENT 12-13-69 WMB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

ACTION. RACIAL MATTER.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE, DEC. ELEVEN, LAST.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF ACTION, A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP WHICH
HAS PARTICIPATED IN CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN THE PAST, MADE
UP EQUALLY OF BLACKS AND WHITES, WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT
BY ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPT., ON CHARGES OF CONTRIBUTING TO
THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR. AT TIME OF HIS ARREST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS IN THE AREA OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKETED BY
THE GROUP THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. ALONG WITH [REDACTED] WERE NINE
ADULTS AND EIGHT JUVENILES. AFTER [REDACTED] ARREST THE GROUP
PICKETED THE TREE FROM APPROXIMATELY SEVEN P.M. TO EIGHT
P.M. AT WHICH TIME THE GROUP DISPURSED WITHOUT FURTHER

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FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] 2P

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Walters _____ b6
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CR RE ST. LOUIS TELS TO BUREAU, DEC. ELEVEN AND DEC.
THIRTEEN, LAST.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT APPROXIMATELY
TWELVE TO FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF ACTION, A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP
WHICH HAS PARTICIPATED IN CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN THE PAST MADE UP
EQUALLY OF BLACKS AND WHITES, PICKETED THE ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TREE,
DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS, MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS TELS NIGHT OF DEC. 15
LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT PM. GROUP
CONSISTED LARGELY OF JUVENILES AND THEIR PICKET WAS QUIET AND
ORDERLY.

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ACTION, LED BY [REDACTED]

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OF ACTION, WILL LEAD A PRAYER VIGIL AT THIS TREE TONIGHT.

NO ARREST OR INCIDENTS.

USA, SECRET SERVICE, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MI ADVISED.

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Date: 12-10-69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ([redacted])
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS ([redacted]) (P)
RE: ACTION
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Re St. Louis teletype, 11-30-69.

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Secret Service and 113th MI Group III.

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Louis Division.

The demonstration reported in re teletype to be
held at the Catholic Charities of St. Louis failed to materialize
[redacted] of the Catholic Charities is still promising
the group an audience with the heads of the Catholic Charities
of St. Louis and because of this fact pickets against that
organization have been called off by [redacted]

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St. Louis, Missouri

December 10, 1969

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ACTION
RACIAL MATTERS

St. Louis source advised that on November 30, 1969, a contingency of Action led by [redacted] visited the Interdenominational Church located in the Mansion House, Riverfront Drive, St. Louis, Missouri. Source advised that the group asked permission to present its paper on racism in the catholic church to those in attendance. The group was permitted to do so by clergy.

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The paper was read to the congregation and copies of same passed out to those in attendance as they left the church.

Source advised that there were no incidents or arrests in connection with this presenting of demands and the Action group was well received by those in attendance.

Action is a local activist group which has participated in civil disobedience in the past. Its membership is comprised of both blacks and whites.

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[redacted] who
is an active member of Action and participates in church confrontations.

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS () P
SUBJECT: ACTION

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Re St. Louis teletypes, 12/11/69, 12/13/69,
12/16/69, and 12/17/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a
self-explanatory LHM suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this LHM are being distributed locally
to U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, and 113th Military
Intelligence Group III.

This communication is being classified ~~confidential~~
due to the source of continuing value. St. Louis source is

() active in ACTION.
is on the Agitator Index of the St. Louis Division. ()
() head of ACTION, is also on the Agitator Index
of the St. Louis Division.

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St. Louis, Missouri

December 22, 1969

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ACTION-

A reliable source advised on December 11, 1969, Action initiated its annual Black-Christmas demonstrations in St. Louis, Missouri. Source stated on that date that a group picketed the annual fund-raising tree of the Salvation Army at Eighth and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. Source stated that at this demonstration, there were approximately 9 adults and 15 juveniles, and the group marched for approximately an hour carrying signs which stated that the Salvation Army was a racist organization.

During this demonstration at the tree, two juveniles, dressed in the traditional Santa Claus suit, bolted from the crowd and ran for the tree that was guarded by St. Louis Police Department Officers. Source advised that one juvenile was caught before reaching the tree but the second evaded the police and climbed the 40 foot tree approximately half way. The juvenile stayed at this location, although there were repeated requests by the St. Louis Police Department for this individual to come down. After the juvenile had been in the tree for approximately ten minutes, the leader of Action [redacted] ordered him to come down, at which time the juvenile did so. The juvenile was arrested upon reaching the pavement and turned over with his companion to the juvenile authorities, St. Louis, Missouri. Due to the age of these individuals, their names have been withheld from public record.

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Action is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, that has participated in civil disobedience in the past. The group is made up equally of blacks and whites. [redacted] is a local Negro who formulated the Action group and is the leader of same.

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SLIP(S) OF [redacted]

DATE 5/17/80 SMT

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On December 13, 1969, source advised that the Action group lead by [] once again, in its Black Christmas demonstrations, was en route on foot toward the Christmas tree on the water front in St. Louis, Missouri, when [] was arrested by the St. Louis Police Department on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The group proceeded without [] to the tree where the group picketed for approximately one hour, shouting insulting slogans against most big businesses in the St. Louis area..

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The group singled out Famous Barr and Stix, Baer, and Fuller, the two largest department stores in the St. Louis area, as targets for their vocal desent. Source advised that on that date, the group dispersed without further arrests or incidents.

On December 16, 1969, source advised that the Action group had picketed on December 15, 1969, in the same area that it had the previous night, that area being the St. Louis Christmas tree. Source advised that the group picketed the area without incidents or arrests. He went on to advise that there were approximately 24 individuals at that vigil.

Source went on to advise that on December 16, 1969, [] would lead the Action group in a prayer and advent service at the tree.

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[] and also Religion
Coordinator for Action.

On December 17, 1969, source advised that [] lead the advent service as scheduled at the tree on December 16, 1969. Source advised that literature was passed out by [] at the service. A copy of the literature follows:

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ADVENT 1969

A Litany to Black Jesus

said before the world's so-called tallest Christmas Tree--St. Louis

O, God, raise up Christians Black and White to reclaim their true
LIBERATOR--our Saviour Jesus Christ--from the commercialization
and materialism of the City of St. Louis

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, let this brilliantly lighted tree--symbol of Jesus Christ
light of the world--open the eyes of White St. Louisians to see the
injustices of discrimination, segregation and racial degregation

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, give us patience and courage in our struggle to break the
oppressive chains of economic exploitation during this Holy Season

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, strengthen us as we go about proclaiming freedom to the
captives--exploited captives of department stores and shopping
centers--year 'round slaves to lay-away-plans, loan companies,
credit cards and buy-now-pay-later-schemes

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, help us to over come the phony pink-cheeked, blue-eyed
Jesus of the White institutionalized Church

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, help us to over come our hang ups around White Santa Claus
and escape from the White man's trick bag

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

O, God, help us to reclaim the Jesus of Nazareth who lost his cool,
went ape, and drove the money changers from the temple

RAISE US UP BLACK JESUS!

NOW CHRISTIANS BROTHERS AND SISTERS go forth into the world this
night and into your separate personal worlds--be strong and of
good courage--and with aggressive determination reclaim your
LIBERATOR--our Jesus Christ--get your thing together and reclaim
the Jesus of Nazareth who was born and lived and died to LIBERATE
HIS PEOPLE.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Rev. William L. Mathews
Assistant Minister
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
24th and Park
St. Louis, Missouri 63104
421-2570

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Source went on to advise that after the service was held by [] the group paraded through downtown St. Louis to Famous Barr Department Store and after shouting several insults at individuals entering and leaving that establishment, the group proceeded on to Stix, Baer and Fuller. At this new location, the group again shouted several slogans and/or remarks at purchasers entering and leaving that establishment. Source advised that after several minutes of this activity, the group proceeded back to Famous Barr, at which time the total group, 24 individuals, entered Famous Barr and paraded through that establishment.

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After a short interval, the entire group exited Famous Barr Department Store and dispersed. Source advised that there were no incidents or arrests connected with the December 16, 1969 Black Christmas demonstrations of Action.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

SUBJECT: ⑥ "Changed"
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in previous communications.

Re SL teletype, 12/22/69, entitled Demonstration at
Downtown Department Stores, SLMO, 12/22/69. RM - ACTION,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYNINE, THAT ACTION A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP WHICH HAS PARTICIPATED IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN THE PAST AND MADE UP EQUALLY OF BLACKS AND WHITES PICKETED THE ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS TREE FROM APPROXIAMATELY SEVEN TWENTY PM TILL EIGHT PM ON TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYNINE. GROUP ALSO PICKETED FAMOUS BARR AND STIX BAER & FULLER, TWO OF THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORES IN ST. LOUIS, MO. GROUP DISPERSED AT EIGHT THIRTY PM WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARREST. USA, SECRET SERVICE, ONE ONE THREE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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FBI ST LOUIS

955PM URGENT 12-26-69 JLC

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FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT [REDACTED] ACTION
APPEARED TWELVE TWENTYSIX INSTANT, ON WEEKLY TV SHOW, SEARCH FOR TRUTH. n/d.
SEARCH FOR TRUTH IS LOCAL SL PROGRAM THAT AIRS FACTS AND GROUPS POINTS
OF VIEW. MASTER OF CEREMONY IS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IS WHITE AND DURING NG
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ACTION IS DURING AT PRESENT. [REDACTED] ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR HALF AN HOUR, J
FROM SEVEN THIRTY P.M. TO EIGHT P.M. [REDACTED] STATED THROUGHOUT PROGRAM
THAT ACTION IS A BLACK HUMANE REVOLUNTIONARY ORGANIZATION, BUT NOT MILI-
TANT.

[REDACTED] ENDED THE SHOW ON POINT THAT ACTION IS FOR ALL PEOPLE THAT b6
IS OPPRESSED. ACTION IS A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP THAT HAS PARTICIPATED IN b7C
CIVIL DISOBEIENCE IN PAST. THE GROUP IS MADE UP OF EQUALLY BLACK
AND WHITE.

USA SECRET SERVICE, MIL INTELL ADVISED. SOURCE IS CASE AGENT. b3
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TO: DIRECTOR [redacted]

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

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TEN INDIVIDUALS CAPTIONED GROUP OBSERVED PICKETING AT HAEADQUARTERS
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GROUP THAT HAS PARTICIPATED IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND DISTURBANCES
IN THE PAST AND IS MADE UP EQUALLY OF BLACKS AND WHITES.
NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST. SECRET SERVICE, USA, ONE THIRTEENTH
MI ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: [redacted] WHO APPEARS
ON AI, ST. LOUIS, WAS A PARTICIPANT
PICKETING OBSERVED BY BU AGENTS.

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted] P
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[redacted] who is mentioned in
this communication, appears on the Agitator Index of
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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI, SEC. SERV.;
DEPT: ISD, [redacted], IDIU, [redacted]

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: 1-27-70

BY: J. J. D. / [redacted]

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St. Louis, Missouri

January 21, 1970

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ACTION

On January 15, 1970, a group of ten individuals were observed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation picketing in front of 915 Olive Street Road, St. Louis, Missouri. This location is the headquarters of the St. Louis Chapter of the United Fund. The group observed was lead by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These two individuals are reported to be officers in local group known as ACTION.

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The group carried a sign as they picketed the United Fund Building which stated, "United Fund Supports Catholic Charities Which Is A Racist Organization". As the group picketed, they passed out literature to any persons that happened to pass their demonstration. A copy of that leaflet, which was distributed by the group, is attached hereto.

ACTION is a local activist group made up equally of blacks and whites which has participated in civil disobedience and disturbances in the past.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She has contributed a great portion of her time to the group known as ACTION.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] — MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Source 1 advised on January 15, 1970, that the demonstration against the United Fund in St. Louis is only the beginning of demonstrations against the organization. Source advised that in addition to the demonstration against United Fund, the Globe Democrat, a local daily newspaper, will also be demonstrated against in the near future.

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SLIP(S) OF *Investigation*
DATE 5/15/80 *Smith*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DECEMBER 29, 1969

TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA

FROM: ACTION'S:CHURCH COMMITTEE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: SR. Cecilia Goldman, Chairman
EV-1-3572 or 652-8635
Rev. William L. Matheus, Co-Chairman
GA-1-2579

UNITED FUNDS INVESTIGATION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

On November 24, 1969, ACTION'S:Church Committee called upon United Fund to conduct an investigation of Catholic Charities. Allegations were sent to both United Fund and Catholic Charities, which indicated to the racist policy and practices of agencies within Catholic Charities. The Church Committee was informed, indirectly, that United Fund is now conducting an investigation of Catholic Charities. However, ACTION'S:-Church Committee, which submitted the research and called for this investigation has not received any official statement from United Fund.

We question the "secrecy" of this investigation. The United Fund was not in anyway secret about withdrawing its financial support to Legal Aid, without any investigation being conducted. The Committee appointed to investigate Catholic Charities is a secret; how they are conducting the investigation is a secret; possibly, the results may be kept secret. It would not surprise ACTION'S:Church Committee if only a statement is issued by United Fund, such as, "Our investigation does not indicate to the practice of racism within Catholic Charities."

ACTION'S:Church Committee plans to recommend to ACTION that any fruitful investigation of Catholic Charities would certainly include the Church Committee researchers, in as much, as the Church Committee did the study. Anything short of this type of investigation would be fruitless and certainly an unjust and impartial investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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St. Louis, Missouri

January 21, 1970

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Reference

St. Louis Letterhead
Memorandum dated January
21, 1970.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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730^PM DEFERRED 2-22-70 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED])

④ ACTION - RM

JLS ON TWO TWENTYTWO SEVENTY, SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED MEMBERS OF ACTIONS DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS TO MEMBERS OF THREE INTER CITY CHURCHES AFTER SERVICES TERMINATED. LEAFLETS CHARGED THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF UNITED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INEQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES. THERE WERE NO INTERRUPTIONS TO CHURCH SERVICES AND NO INCIDENTS ARE ARREST REPORTED.

USA, SECRET SERVICE, AND MI, ADVISED.

ADMIN-SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

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Mr. Walters_____
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[REDACTED] NEGRO MALES, AND [REDACTED]
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MEMBERS WILL THEN RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS RE
DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT AGAINST DESIGNATED STORES.
DEMONSTRATIONS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTESTING
DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING AND OTHER POLICIES.

SAME GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE AT ELEVEN A.M. ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT
SEVENTY AT SEVENTH AND MARKET STS. AND CONTINUE DEMONSTRATIONS.
SEVERAL PERSONS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DEMONSTRATIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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MEMBERS MARCHED TO DOWNTOWN DEPT. STORES COMMENCING AT SEVEN:THIRTY,
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MARCHERS PROCEEDED TO KATZ DRUG STORE, FAMOUS AND BARR, STIX, BEAR
AND FULLER, BOYDS, AND SEVERAL FIVE AND TEN CENT STORES IN DOWNTOWN

AREA. THEY DISPLAYED SIGNS READING: "DON'T LET EASTER HANG YOU UP"

"EASTER IS FOR THE RICH AND DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU POORER" "STOP LYING
TO CHILDREN EASTER BUNNIES MUST GO" "EASTER BRINGS ON SENSELESS DEBTS"

DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED INSIDE ALL THE DEPT. STORES, DISPLAYING SIGNS,
AND CHANTING SLOGANS IN UNISON. NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST OCCURED

DEMONSTRATION ENDED AT EIGHT/TWENTY PM.

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Re St. Louis tel to Bureau, 3/18/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM reflecting a recent disturbance by members of ACTION at the McDonnell Douglas Corp. in St. Louis.

This LHM is being classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ to protect identities of sources of a continuing value. The sources contained in this LHM are identified as follows:

Source one is [redacted]

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Source three is [redacted]

This LHM is being distributed to the following local agencies: USA, Secret Service, 113th MI Group III

All individuals named in this LHM are currently being investigated by the St. Louis Division. [redacted] appears on the Agitator Index of the St. Louis Division.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. - 11) (RM)
- 6 - St. Louis
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 157-4292 (CARL JACKSON)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]

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St. Louis, Missouri
March 20, 1970

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ACTION

Source one advised on March 18, 1970, that four members of ACTION, with the help of McDonnell Douglas Corporation (MDC) employee, were let into MDC plant on the morning of March 18, 1970. Source further advised that once the ACTION members were inside the plant they distributed leaflets alleging racial discrimination by MDC. Source further stated these members refused to leave the plant and were arrested and charged with trespassing.

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Source two on March 18, 1970, advised Carl "Astro" Jackson, [redacted] were arrested at MDC plant after they gained entry to the plant with the help of an unidentified MDC employee. Source further advised these four individuals entered MDC approximately 8:00 a.m. on March 18, 1970, with an identification badge which enabled them to get past the guard at the gate when the shift changed at 8:00 a.m. Source further advised members arrested were questioned regarding possession of the identification badge and refused to furnish any information concerning this badge.

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An article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on March 19, 1970, stated four members of ACTION were arrested and charged with trespassing Wednesday, March 18, 1970, after they entered two MDC buildings, passed out literature and staged a brief sit-in. These persons have been identified as [redacted] and Carl Jackson, age 27, both Negro males. They were arrested by Berkeley police and charged with trespassing and warrants filed by Berkeley Judge Louis Houston. Bond was set at \$500 and a hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., April 15, 1970. Two women identified as [redacted] and [redacted] sat down in the aisle in another building, located in St. Louis County. They were arrested by the St. Louis County Police and charged with trespassing and warrants filed by Magistrate Harry Stussie. Bond was set at \$500 each. All four ACTION members gave their address of 4154 North Newstead Avenue, the ACTION headquarters.

A company spokesman at MDC stated the two Negro men and two white women apparently had some kind of identification badge which enabled them to get past guarded gates when the shifts changed at 8:00 a.m. The article also stated that [redacted] of the ACTION organization, was observed outside the gates of the MDC but did not enter any of the buildings inside the plant along with the other members.

Source three on March 19, 1970, advised that the demonstration at MDC on March 18, 1970, was another phase in the continuing protest by the ACTION organization against MDC alleging that MDC uses discriminatory practices in its hiring policies. Source further advised the demonstration was planned by [redacted] Chairman of ACTION, and that future demonstrations and protests against MDC could be expected.

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St. Louis, Missouri
March 20, 1970

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Reference

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Re SL Teletypes to Bureau, 3/25/70 and 3/26/70

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(1 - [redacted])

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St. Louis, Missouri

March 31, 1970

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ACTION

MO Source one advised on March 25, 1970, that approximately 18 to 20 adults and five teenagers, all members of Action assembled at a parking lot at 7th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri at 7:15 P.M. Source further advised these members were accompanied by [redacted] Carl "Astro" Jackson and [redacted] three [redacted] of the Action organization in St. Louis. Source advised [redacted] gave instructions to Carl Jackson and [redacted] on conducting demonstrations. [redacted] then left the demonstrations.

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Source further advised all members of the group marched to downtown department stores commencing at 7:30 P.M., lead by Carl Jackson and [redacted] The marchers then proceeded to Katz Drug Store, Famous and Barr, Stix, Baer and Fuller, Boyds, and several five and ten cent stores in the downtown area. The marchers displayed signs reading:

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1. "Don't let Easter hang you up".
2. "Easter is for the rich and designed to make you poorer".
3. "Stop lying to children, Easter bunnys must go".
4. Easter brings on senseless debts".

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Source advised the demonstrators went to all the department stores displaying the signs and chanting slogans in unison. He further stated the demonstration ended at approximately 8:20 P.M.

Source also advised that a continuation of this demonstration will be held by the same group at 11:00 P.M., on Saturday, March 28, 1970, and the group will assemble at the same location, 7th and Market Streets. Source further advised that at the Saturday demonstration several persons from East St. Louis, Illinois, will participate.

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Source two on March 26, 1970, advised there had been a demonstration by the Action group in downtown St. Louis at numerous department stores. Source further advised that demonstrations began at approximately 7:15 P.M., and lasted until 8:20 P.M. Source stated there were approximately 20 to 25 persons observed, several who are identified as Carl "Astro" Jackson,

[REDACTED] Source two further advised demonstrators marched to downtown department stores displaying several signs and chanting slogans in unison. Source also advised the demonstrations were held for the express purpose of showing that poor Blacks are economically exploited by white society. Source further advised it was hoped that these demonstrations would give insight to poor Blacks as far as excessive spending of limited funds, which they do possess. He advised the demonstration was very orderly and there were no incidents or arrests which occurred.

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Source one was recontacted and advised on March 28, 1970, that the demonstrations which had been planned for this date were cancelled. Source further advised the demonstrations did not solicit enough support

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from Action members and interested persons. Source further advised it was felt because of this limited number of participants and support that further demonstrations would not serve any useful purpose.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

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INFORMANTS

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SL T-3 is [REDACTED]

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SL T-4 is [REDACTED]

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SL T-5 is [REDACTED]
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1 - 113th MI Group III, St. Louis

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: May 18, 1970

Office: ST. LOUIS

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Field Office File #: SL [REDACTED]

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: ACTION

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Synopsis: Action currently maintains headquarters at 4154 Newstead, St. Louis, Mo. Action continues to engage in protests and demonstrations concerning racial issues and officers and members and activities are set forth below.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action group. The investigation is being conducted primarily to determine the militant aspect of this organization.

I. FORMATION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, a daily newspaper publication in St. Louis, Missouri, captioned "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that civil rights organization entitled "Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes" has been organized in St. Louis by an individual known as PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was

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to be a non-violent, direct action organization, similar to that of the Committee for Racial Equality (CORE). The paper went on to quote GREEN as saying "we will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On June 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE. These individuals stated that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [REDACTED] during the election in CORE held in October, 1965, when [REDACTED] ran for Chairman.

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

Officers

[REDACTED] Chairman
[REDACTED] Vice
[REDACTED] Chairman
[REDACTED] Recording Secretary
[REDACTED] Corresponding
[REDACTED] Secretary
[REDACTED] Treasurer
[REDACTED] Chief Legal Advisor

Unit Chiefs

[REDACTED] Chairman
[REDACTED]
General CARL "ASTRO" JACKSON,
Chairman
[REDACTED] Co-Chairman,
Community Involvement
[REDACTED]
Chairman
[REDACTED]
Co-Chairman, Church
Committee
[REDACTED] Chairman
of Black History Committee
[REDACTED] Chairman, Police
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General CARL "ASTRO" JACKSON
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III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION is located at 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, second floor, with telephone number of EV 1-3572, and has maintained its office at this location for the past year.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On November 15, 1969, SL T-1 advised members of ACTION, along with several other militant groups in the St. Louis area have been actively engaged in the picketing of Northwest High School in the St. Louis, Missouri, area, since October 17, 1969, when four Black students were expelled from Northwest High School for supporting the

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protest of Beaumont High School students against high food prices in their cafeteria and expulsion was pre-emptory, no hearing, no trial, but immediate expulsion. In the St. Louis public school system this is unprecedented. Normally, a student is given a series of warnings, and then as a last resort, a student is expelled. Never has a student been expelled for their first offense. SL T-1 advised that members of the ACTION group headed by [] [] Chairman of ACTION, and other local dissident groups in St. Louis, Missouri, had picketed Northwest High School in an attempt to reinstate the four high school students.

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ACTION is a local activist group in St. Louis, Missouri, whose membership includes both whites and Negroes. The group has engaged in acts of civil disobedience and disturbance in the past.

A restraining order was issued by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, on November 17, 1969, prohibiting further demonstrations by the ACTION group and other groups involved against Northwest High School.

On November 28, 1969, SL T-2 advised that the ACTION group's Church Committee conducted a study, which began on July 8, 1969, investigating the Catholic Charities in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of the study conducted was to reveal the racist policies and attitudes by the many Catholic Charities. Some of the guide lines set forth by ACTION for the Catholic Charities in order to implement change and bring about progress are listed as follows:

- (1) Eliminate the present racist board of directors;
- (2) Re-establish a new board, comprised of Black people and only those white people who are permitted to function in the best interest of equality;
- (3) Eliminate agencies which are totally racist and establish new agencies that will work toward the elimination of racism, and add more Black staff to the administration of Catholic Charities; and

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(4) Re-direct the service of monies, as of now, it is not reaching the poor.

On December 17, 1969, SL T-3 advised that there was a demonstration by the ACTION organization at 7:20 P.M. on December 16, 1969, at Keiner Memorial Park, St. Louis, Missouri, representing the Black Christmas Program. SL T-3 advised upon arriving at the Park the group proceeded by foot from the parking lot marching single file in the direction of the Christmas Tree area in Keiner Memorial Park. Upon arriving at the Christmas Tree, a half circle was formed and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a member of ACTION, proceeded with the Black Christmas Prayer. Upon completion of the prayer, the marchers remained in a small area in front of the tree. They marched in a circle and displayed posters saying, "Love Before Toys, Jesus is Black", ETC.

SL T-3 further advised [REDACTED] led the group of marchers and shouted at one point, "There is no such thing as a Santa Claus" and "Stop Lying to Children". The marchers then left Keiner Memorial Park and proceeded to the downtown section of St. Louis where they protested in front of some of the larger downtown department stores, such as Stix, Baer, and Fuller and Famous-Barr. The demonstration lasted approximately three hours and then dispersed.

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SL T-2 on January 15, 1970, advised a group of ten individuals picketed in front of 915 Olive Street Road, St. Louis, Missouri. This location is the headquarters of the St. Louis Chapter of the United Fund. The group observed was led by one [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These two individuals are reported to be officers in a local group known as ACTION.

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The group carried a sign as they picketed the United Fund building, which stated, "United Fund supports Catholic charities, which is a racist organization". As the group picketed they passed out literature to any person who happened to pass the demonstration.

Source 2 further advised on January 15, 1970, that the demonstration against the United Fund in St. Louis is only the beginning of demonstrations against this organization. Source advised that in addition to

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the demonstration against the United Fund the Globe Democrat, a local daily newspaper, will also be demonstrated against in the near future.

On February 5, 1970, an article appearing in the St. Louis American Newspaper, entitled "Mc Donnell-Douglas 'Shakey' Over Racial Bias Charges", stated that PERCY GREEN, Chairman of ACTION and other members of the ACTION organization drafted a letter to the Defense Department on January 27, 1970, criticizing Mc Donnell-Douglas' treatment of Blacks and also the hiring policy of this company. ACTION alleges there are not enough Blacks employed at Mc Donnell-Douglas in Top Echelon jobs or responsible positions and also that the Blacks are not given the same treatment accorded to white workers.

According to the article, Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation recently received the F-15 Fighter contract, which caused the ACTION organization to bring about pressure against Mc Donnell-Douglas through the Defense Department in Washington, D.C.

The St. Louis American is a predominantly Negro newspaper appearing weekly in the St. Louis area.

On March 7, 1970, an article appearing in the St. Louis Sentinel, entitled "Action demands 28% Black Work Force at Mc Donnell", stated the ACTION organization has demanded that the Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation hire and maintain the Black force of 28%. Another portion of ACTION's demands called for the promotion of 1,000 presently employed Blacks. Accompanying the demand letter to [REDACTED] Mc Donnell-Douglas Air Craft signed by ACTION's [REDACTED] was a document entitled "Action's Plans For Racial Employment Balance at Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation a 13 point plan to enforce and guarantee maximum fair employment to Black United States citizens".

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The document outlines how ACTION expects the corporation to meet their demands. It also informs Mc Donnell that the human rights organization has reactivated direct action (non-violent protests and demonstrations) to begin immediately at the corporation without further warning.

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The St. Louis Sentinel is a weekly newspaper which appears in the St. Louis area.

SL T-4 advised on February 22, 1970, that members of ACTION distributed leaflets to members of three city churches at the Cathedral. According to source these leaflets charged that large amounts of United Fund contributions are inequitably distributed to Catholic Charities. Source further advised that the demonstration was peaceful and no interruption to church services occurred.

On February 26, 1970, an article appearing in the St. Louis American entitled, "Action Investigates Glennon Hospital's Hiring Policy". The article states ACTION's Church Committee is very concerned about the racist hiring policy at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Research points to the fact that only two registered nurses in the hospital are Black. It was stated by the hospital "that qualified colored nurses do not apply, if they did they would be hired". However, members of ACTION have charged that 15 Black qualified nurses reported they had applied at Cardinal Glennon Hospital and were turned away, being told no jobs were available. ACTION is also criticizing the wages and working conditions of Black employees at Cardinal Glennon.

SL T-2 on March 20, 1970, advised four members of ACTION with the help of Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation employees were let into Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation Plant on the morning of March 18, 1970. Source further advised that once the ACTION members were inside the plant they distributed leaflets alleging racial discrimination by Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation. Source further stated these members refused to leave the plant and were arrested and charged with trespassing. Source 2 further advised these members were identified as CARL "ASTRO" JACKSON, [] and []

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[] Source further advised members arrested were questioned regarding possession of the identification badge and refused to furnish any information concerning this badge.

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On March 26, 1970, SL T-5 advised 18 adults and five teenagers, all members of ACTION, assembled at the parking lot at 7th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, at 7:15 P.M. These members marched to downtown department stores commencing at 7:30 P.M. led by CARL "ASTRO" JACKSON and [] both ACTION members. Source further advised these members proceeded to Katz Drugstore, Famous-Barr and Stix, Baer and Fuller, and Boyds, and several 5 and 10 cent stores in the area. They displayed signs reading:

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- (1) "Don't let Easter hang you up";
- (2) "Easter is for the rich and designed to make you poor";
- (3) "Stop lying to children; Easter Bunnies must go";
- (4) "Easter brings on senseless debts".

Demonstrators marched inside all the department stores displaying signs and handing out literature. There were no incidents or arrests and the demonstration, according to source, ended at approximately 8:20 P.M.

SL T-2 advised on April 20, 1970, that the ACTION organization has been relatively quiet during the past month. Source attributed this to two reasons. The first is the fact that ACTION's treasury is practically depleted at present. Secondly, [] and other members of ACTION are awaiting the outcome of certain convictions pending appeal of actions taken in the past with regard to demonstrations by the ACTION organization.

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On May 8, 1970, SL T-2 advised that ACTION continues to have regular Sunday meetings and has been discussing plans of future activities which are increasing with the oncoming warm weather. Source further states that [] continues to be present at all ACTION meetings and continues to plan activities and demonstrations for the immediate future along with other members of the ACTION organization.

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REFERENCE

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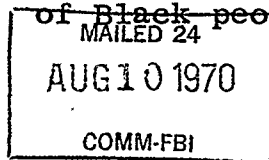
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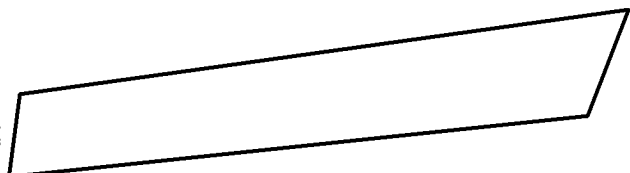
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SL T-1 has advised that [redacted] Chairman of ACTION, devotes practically his entire time to this organization and that in effect, every activity is undertaken under the guidance and direction of [redacted] As the Bureau is aware, [redacted] is on the Agitator Index of the St. Louis Office and subject of Bufile [redacted]

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Other individuals mentioned in this report are subject of investigation in the St. Louis Division.

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Synopsis: ACTION headquarters continues at 4154 Newstead, St. Louis, Mo., ACTION continues to participate in protests and demonstrations concerning racial issues under direction of Chairman [REDACTED] ACTION has initiated disruption of black church services and has continued disruption against white congregations. St. Louis PD, St. Louis School Board have been subject of critical reports prepared by ACTION.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not investigating the legitimate activities of the ACTION group. The investigation is being conducted primarily to determine militant aspects of this organization.

BACKGROUND

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OFFICERS OF ACTION

SL T-1 has advised that the principal officers of ACTION are as follows:

[REDACTED]
Chairman

[REDACTED]
Vice Chairman

[REDACTED]
Chief Advisor

[REDACTED]
Chief Legal Advisor

HEADQUARTERS

SL T-1 has advised that the headquarters continues at 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, second floor, with telephone #381-3572. Recently, office space at this location has been expanded.

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On May 29, 1970, SL T-1 advised that [redacted] Chief Advisor, ACTION, directed a letter to [redacted] Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., asking him to withhold money from St. Louis University until employment practices at the university are in line with the racial composition in the City of St. Louis.

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On June 3, 1970, SL T-2 advised that [redacted] and other members of ACTION passed out a newsletter to members of the congregation at the West Side Baptist Church at Page Boulevard and Marcus Street, which indicated that ACTION intended to clean up the hypocrisy and corruption among Negro ministers toward black church goers.

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The "St. Louis Argus", June 19, 1970, contained an article which stated it is unfortunate that ACTION has seen fit to start invading the black churches.

The "St. Louis Argus" is a Negro oriented weekly newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch", October 1, 1970, contained an article showing that U. S. District Judge JAMES H. MEREDITH granted a preliminary injunction restraining ACTION from interfering with services at four Baptist churches. The churches contended that services had been disrupted on 12 occasions between May 31, 1970, and September 13, 1970.

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" is a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

On September 27, 1970, SL T-1 advised that members of ACTION established a picket line at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri, a predominantly white congregation, and that members of ACTION entered the cathedral carrying signs condemning racist activities of the episcopal church. Members of ACTION burned money as a symbolic gesture dramatizing focus on monetary values rather than truly human values.

SL T-1 advised on August 17, 1970, that "ACTION's Blue Paper Report", which carried the subcaption, "Thugs in Blue Uniforms", indicated the report was a study covering the last five years, January 1, 1965 to July 15, 1970. This report was reportedly released to the public on August 9, 1970. The report is self-described as: "...A list of persons murdered, brutally beaten, intimidated or harassed in any way by St. Louis Policemen..."

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On August 26, 1970, SL T-1 advised that a news release, dated August 11, 1970, showed that "ACTION's Blue Paper Report had been sent to all members of the U. S. Supreme Court and other interested or involved civic leaders and organizations.

On August 31, 1970, SL T-1 advised that by a letter dated August 26, 1970, ACTION had completed a study of the St. Louis Public School System with a finding that the St. Louis Board of Education is responsible for all the white racism in public schools. This letter demanded that names of schools be changed to honor black leaders, that dismissed teachers be reinstated, and that curriculum be changed to include and emphasize the work of black leaders.

On September 28, 1970, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was circulating literature advocating a boycott of the United Fund Drive.

On November 6, 1970, the St. Louis Office of the FBI received a letter from [REDACTED] dated November 4, 1970, indicating that he is constituting, in [REDACTED] words, a complaint against the St. Louis Police Department on behalf of ACTION and requested an investigation and report to ACTION. This letter is principally concerned with activity on October 29, 1970, when police officers entered ACTION headquarters. This letter shows that copies of it were directed to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; Congressman WILLIAM CLAY, Missouri; [REDACTED] U. S. Civil Rights Commission; JEWEL JARAD, A.C.L.U.; GIVEN GILES, St. Louis Human Rights; [REDACTED] City Welfare; [REDACTED] Harris Teachers College; [REDACTED] Washington Univeristy; Attorney [REDACTED] Freedom of Residence; U. S. Supreme Court Judges: WARREN BURGER, Chief Justice, THURGOOD MARSHALL, WILLIAM BRENNAN, HUGO BLACK, WILLIAM DOUGLAS, BYRON WHITE, POTTER STEWART, JOHN HARLAN, HARRY BLACKMAN.

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Enclosed are six copies of an LHM setting forth letter dated 11/4/70, from [redacted] Chairman of ACTION, to St. Louis Office, FBI, which was received 11/6/70. [redacted] letter constitutes, in his words, a complaint against the St. Louis Police Dept. on behalf of ACTION requesting an investigation and a report to ACTION.

Attention is called to the fact that copies of [redacted] letter have been directed to the Bureau, The Department of Justice, Congressman WILLIAM CLAY (DMO), ten additional interested leaders and all members of U. S. Supreme Court.

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Enclosed LHM is being furnished for Bureau's information and such dissemination as may be deemed advisable.

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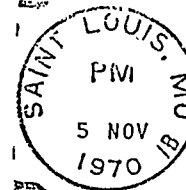
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I, Chairman [REDACTED] of ACTION, 4154 N. Newstead, a human rights organization, hereby files this complaint on behalf of ACTION requesting an investigation and a report of same to ACTION.

LATEST ACT OF PROVOCATION BY WHITE POLICE UPON ACTION MEMBERS

Neighborhood children and children of ACTION members, both Black and white, have often frequented ACTION Headquarters, 4154 N. Newstead Avenue, at various times during each day. If a female ACTION member finds it difficult to secure a babysitter before attending a meeting, she brings her children to the Headquarters. Many times neighborhood youngsters of all ages come to the ACTION Headquarters to write on the blackboard, carry out the trash, and to help out in general.

The 5th District Police Station is also located in this area. It is now commanded by Captain Craft and before him by Captain Moran. ACTION members have noticed over the past two years that when there are two white police officers riding in a marked or unmarked police car they have often conducted some kind of provocative upon our members.

The latest act of police provocation occurred Thursday, October 29 at 9:55 PM in ACTION Headquarters. This act nearly resulted in the killing of two seven or eight year old girls by these two white police officers. The uniformed police officers were not wearing their nametags and had removed their uniform caps.

It began when one of the two officers started into ACTION Headquarters. Before he could enter the front door his partner verbally called to him. He responded to his partner's call by returning to the patrol car, talked a few moments with him, then both of them approached the front door with their weapons drawn. One was armed with a loaded shotgun, and the other officer had a .38 caliber revolver. This scene was being observed by an ACTION member who was sitting in an automobile parked in front of the patrol car at 4154 N. Newstead. Neither of the officers observed him. Other persons watched the police intruders from across the street at the Mconglow Lounge. They came outside the lounge to get a closer look, but remained on the west side of the street.

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The unnoticed ACTION member sitting in his friend's car radioed upstairs, by means of walkie-talkie, to inform other members that "for some strange reason, two white policemen with guns drawn are coming up the steps." This same ACTION member left the parked automobile to write the officer's patrol car license number - - (331-192). Prior to the police officers invading the Headquarters two neighborhood children (approximately seven years old) had asked to use the rest room down the hall from the assembly room.

Another male ACTION member was reading at a table facing the top of the stairway in the assembly room with the door open. When the officers reached the top of the stairs the ACTION member remained seated and asked the officers, "What is the purpose of the drawn guns." Before the ACTION member could tell them that children were present, the guns were pointed at him, and he was told to shut up. Four other ACTION members, two males and two females, who had been looking at television in an adjacent room to the assembly room, were held hostage at shotgun point with the ACTION member in the assembly room. One of the officers decided to search the premises and found the womens rest room door shut, kicked it in and directed his gun at the two little girls. They began screaming and crying.

None of the ACTION members were allowed to get close enough to the officers to get their badge numbers. However, after the ACTION members continued to inform the officers that charges would be filed against them; that they were positively wrong for overtly drawing guns on innocent persons; that they could have killed those two children by their stupid and irresponsible acts; and that such stupid acts are responsible for inciting riots in the Black community by their misuse of authority. At this point, the police officers then gave their reasons for their acts, saying "We thought that some teenagers we were after had run up here."

Finally the officers decided to leave. As they were leaving the ACTION members followed them down the stairs and to the outside, hoping to get their badge numbers. The officers before getting into their patrol car (and while the ACTION members were continuing to criticize their unjust acts) were holding their shotguns cocked and aimed at the ACTION members, saying "I ought to blow your damn heads off and the next time I come here, I'll come shooting."

cc: F.B.I., Washington, D.C.
Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C.
Congressman William Clay, Mo.
Father Hesburg, U.S. Civil Rights Comm.
Jewel Jarad, A.C. L.U.

Signed by,

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ACTION Hqqs.
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cc: Given Giles, St. Louis Human Rights
Dr. Phil Dennis
Pearlie Evans, City Welfare
Rev. Roger Harless, P.I.C. —
Dr. L. Michelson, Harris Teachers Coll.
Rev. Paul Smith, Washington Univ.
Attny. Wayman Smith, III
James Sporleder, Freedom of Residence
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AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

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Title: ACTION

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Character: RACIAL MATTER - BLACK NATIONALISTS

DATE *5/8/78*

Synopsis: ACTION has continued peaceful picketing and
boycotting to attract attention to the economic plight of
black workers. ACTION continues under the leadership of
[REDACTED] Chairman, and maintains headquarters
at 4154 Newstead, St. Louis, Mo.

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not
investigating the legitimate activities of the ACTION group.
The investigation is being conducted primarily to determine
militant aspects of this organization.

BACKGROUND

An organization known as Action Committee to
Increase Opportunities for Negroes was formed in St. Louis,
Missouri during January, 1965, and subsequently changed its
name to ACTION in January, 1969. Membership includes

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black and white adults and a teenage contingent called "ACTION Guerrillas". The organization engages in civil disobedience and disruption, and advocates non-violence, but does not eliminate violence as a possibility. It publishes a newsletter, "ACTION Attack News", irregularly.

(SL T-1, May, 1971) ^{MO.}

ACTIVITIES

An article in the St. Louis American, November 19, 1970, showed that the Northside Church of the Seventh Day Adventist, honored PERCY GREEN for persistence in fighting for equal employment opportunities and exposing the evils of racism in all its forms. He was credited with doing more to get jobs for black men than any other single individual in St. Louis.

The St. Louis American is a weekly Negro oriented newspaper, published in St. Louis, Missouri.

ACTION planned to start its annual Christmas season picketing and boycotting in St. Louis and suburban St. Louis area against the commercialism of Christmas.

(SL T-1, December 7, 1970)

At a meeting of ACTION on January 17, 1971, literature from the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, Los Angeles, California, was passed out to those attending.

(SL T-1, January 19, 1971)

A characterization of the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis is attached to this report.

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The St. Louis American dated February 4, 1971, contains an article indicating that goals for 1971 were announced Monday, February 1, 1971, by PERCY GREEN, II Chairman of ACTION. He also reviewed what he called the achievements of his organization during 1970.

A copy of the February 4, 1971, article mentioned in the previous paragraph is attached in the appendix of this report.

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Members of ACTION were given the responsibility for the transportation and security of [REDACTED] to and from the St. Louis Airport in connection with the Angela Davis Defense Fund rally to be held in St. Louis on February 15, 1971.

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(SL T-1, February 14, 1971)

An article in the St. Louis Sentinel, a Negro oriented weekly newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri dated February 20, 1971, indicated ACTION has announced it opposes the \$20,000,000 convention center bond issue to be voted on in St. Louis, Missouri on March 9, 1971.

The National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) group in St. Louis has been in contact with representatives of ACTION with a view toward recruiting members into the NCCF.

(SL T-2, January 18, 1971)

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached to this report.

A group of ACTION members plan to hold an overnight camping trip in the form of a field problem in Clark National Forest near Potosi, Missouri, during

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the period March 26 - 28, 1971. ~~10~~

(SL T-1, March 22, 1971)

On April 14, 1971, []

[] advised during the previously mentioned weekend he observed a group consisting of approximately twelve Negro males, one white male, about five Negro females and about four white females hiking and having target practice in Clark National Forest. The weapons being used were about six bows, one crossbow, and one small arms rifle which, according to a member of [] group, may have been a .22 caliber weapon which fires pellets.

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The St. Louis Sentinel dated April 10, 1971, indicated that ACTION "the militant protest group" has called for boycotts of all Wonder Bread and Hostess products. The article indicated the Continental Baking Company, St. Louis, Missouri employs 1,800 workers with just 75 blacks employed at a level above that of sanitation employees.

The St. Louis American dated April 29, 1971, contained an article indicating "ACTION's PERCY GREEN Tells Rights Officials of Their Weaknesses." GREEN criticized the Missouri Commission on Human Rights for failure to take action on some cases involving discrimination.

Members of ACTION were to participate in picketing at 210 North Twelfth Street, St. Louis, Missouri on the afternoon of May 11, 1971 to call attention to housing complaints.

(SL T-1, May 10, 1971)

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed peaceful picketing at the above address on the afternoon of May 11, 1971.

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OFFICERS

[REDACTED] was elected Chairman
of ACTION and [REDACTED] Vice Chairman, both unopposed
at a meeting held in December, 1970.

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[REDACTED] of ACTION devotes
practically his entire time to ACTION and every activity is
undertaken under the guidance and direction of [REDACTED]

(SL T-1, May 14, 1971)

HEADQUARTERS

ACTION's headquarters continues to be at 4154
Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Second Floor, with
telephone 381-3572.

(SL T-1, May 14, 1971)

A-P-P-E-N-D-I-XNATIONAL UNITED COMMITTEE TO
FREE ANGELA DAVISAlso Known as
United Committee to Free Angela Davis

A source advised in October, 1970, that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), had decided to help Angela Davis, self-admitted member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, California, at that time incarcerated in New York City and soon to be extradited to California to answer murder-kidnaping charges. This source stated that Dorothy Healey, former Chairman, Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), would devote her full time and head the committee in California and be assisted by Lou Diskin, Chairman, SCDCP.

The "Daily World," east coast communist newspaper, issue of October 16, 1970, page three, contains an article which states that Gus Hall, General Secretary of the CPUSA, had stated that the CPUSA would involve itself in freeing Angela Davis, and that Angela Davis Defense Committees would be started in such cities as Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and other cities. He stated that there will be a national committee to take charge of the defense of Davis and the Communist Party will be a part of it.

Sources two, three, and four advised in October and November, 1970, that a meeting of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis was held at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California, Lou Diskin, Chairman, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the Communist Party would do everything to build support for Angela Davis. [redacted] member, National Committee, CPUSA, and unsuccessful candidate for President of the United States on the Communist Party ticket, spoke at this meeting and stated that the Communist Party must make every effort to free Angela Davis. Ben Dobbs, Executive Secretary, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the Communist Party must be the focusing point of the movement to free Angela Davis.

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Source five advised on December 3, 1970, that the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis is located at Suite 104, 3450 West 43rd Street, Los Angeles, California. Source advised that the committee in the Los Angeles area was formed for the purpose of seeking funds for Davis in this area, but that separate and distinct committees would be set up throughout the United States.

Source five advised on February 8, 1971, that Angela Davis had been extradited to Marin County, California; was incarcerated at the Marin County Jail, San Rafael, California; and would stand trial for murder-kidnaping.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP),
also known as
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to the official newspaper of the BPP, the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said, "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is ... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces ... are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

Page 7, St. Louis American, St. Louis,
Missouri, February 4, 1971

ACTION ANNOUNCES 3-POINT PROGRAM FOR 1971

ACTION, militant civil rights organization, will develop a three-pronged program for 1971 -- more jobs for black men, a more humane attitude for the police department, and establishment of sincere human values by the general population.

Goals for 1971 were announced Monday, Feb. 1 by Percy Green II, chairman of ACTION. He also reviewed what he called the achievements of his organization during 1970.

Achievement highlights of the past year, he said, included improving the employment picture for blacks at various local businesses, making the church more aware of black needs, reducing acts of racism in the St. Louis community and the continuation or development of special projects such as Black Christmas.

"The community at large, both black and white, has received a tremendous education as to the issues," Green said in his report.

Discussing plans for 1971, Green said ACTION does plan to develop some new tactics, but promised the group would continue as "the most dynamic and consistent force combating white racism and all other acts of trickery and exploitation against human beings by the white power structure. We shall continue to live up to our name."

Green explained his three-point effort for 1971 as follows:

1. ACTION's battle cry, more and better paying jobs for black men. This will build "family unity among blacks" with a goal of \$150 a week take home pay for black males. He listed as "battle zones" various firms and the construction industry.

2. "Humanizing the police department." The police manual

should include regulations saying a police officer shall fire his weapon only in self defense; he should not fire at fleeing unarmed suspects, and officers firing at persons on such occasions should be charged with "illegal discharge of firearms" and immediately removed from duties.

To enforce this effort, Green recommended the formation of a "Special Black Goon Squad" to get "Even Steven." ACTION also recommends the improvement of conditions of local jails.

3. Establishing new values (human values). This effort will include such efforts as Black Christmas boycott "to destroy all white racist symbols."

ACTION will organize a variety of committee to put these efforts into effect. Each committee will meet once a week.

In listing ACTION's accomplishments for 1971, Green claimed the following:

1. Formation of 53 new interracial rights groups in 53 companies as "watch-dog organizations."

2. Black Christmas boycott forced stores "to lose tremendous profits at Christmas, thereby causing the consumer to save."

3. More churches began to give more support to black community groups.

4. Police department improved its treatment of human beings.

5. Influenced all elements of the community to "meet part of ACTION's demands."

Green promised that ACTION will be "dedicated to the cause of human values over monetary and materialistic values."

He said, "We have made some tactical modifications, but I'm not at liberty to say at this time what they may be."

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Negroes formed in 1965 in St. Louis, Missouri, changed name
to ACTION in 1969. ACTION's membership includes Black and
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picketing, boycotts and demonstrations with arrests of
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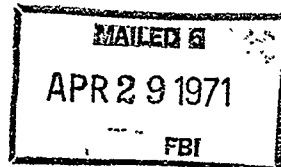
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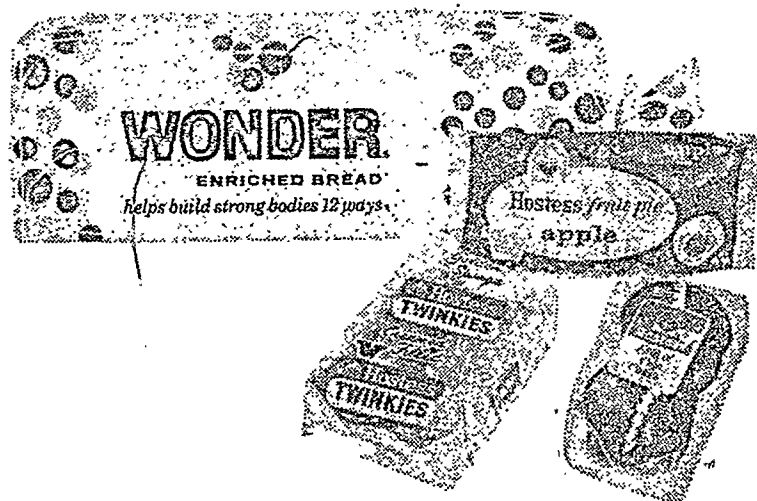
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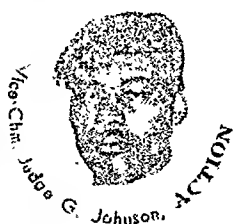
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Don't Buy Them

**Because Hostess & the Wonder
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**Blacks, especially Black
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P.O. BOX 21313

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63115

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of LHM regarding a boycott of Wonder Baking Co. products and Hostess Cakes of the Continental Baking Co., Inc.

Not included in attached LHM is information furnished on 6/18/71, by _____

_____ who advised he was furnishing this information in confidence, but wanted the FBI to know it. _____ said he had received a call from _____ ITT Continental Baking Co., New York City, asking if he knew one _____

This caller advised _____ that his information, from _____ was that he, _____ could help with the dispute between _____ (ACTION) and Continental Baking; that there was a connection between _____ Caller told _____ that the Colonial Baking Co. (a competitor in St. Louis of Continental Baking Co.) had paid _____ to institute the boycott against Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake products of Continental.

_____ reportedly could act as go-between for _____ and Wonder Bread. _____ said that as a result of this call he met with _____ in May, 1971, and _____ and he had "let the word out he was friends with _____ told _____ that if Continental would support _____ the boycott could end. _____

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told [] he had met with a deputy sheriff in St. Louis
whom [] recalls was named [] and at this
meeting [] was told that for \$6,000.00 paid by
Continental Baking Co. to [] the boycott against
Continental would end. Continental refused, saying
they would not pay [] anything since the black
employees of Continental support the company against
[] and ACTION.

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Please Refer to

St. Louis, Missouri

June 28, 1971

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On May 17, 1971, [redacted] telephonically contacted the St. Louis Office of the FBI to advise that some Negro drivers of the Continental Baking Company, which makes Wonder Bread, and he among them, were contemplating taking some type of action against a Negro militant group in St. Louis known as ACTION headed by [redacted] who had initiated a boycott against Wonder Bread products. He said the reason for this was that ACTION alleged discrimination at Wonder Bread while the Negro employees at Wonder Bread unanimously felt that ACTION was completely wrong and there was no discrimination.

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On May 18, 1971, [redacted] advised that the Negro drivers of Wonder Bread products of the Continental Baking Company had decided to protest a Negro militant group in St. Louis known as ACTION because of the ACTION boycott against Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake products. He stated that Negro individuals believed to be members of ACTION had visited local merchants in the Negro neighborhoods asking them not to handle Wonder Bread or Hostess Cakes and that some stores had discontinued these products which resulted in a loss of income on the part of the Negro drivers of Wonder Bread. [redacted] was furnishing this for informational purposes.

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On May 20, 1971, [redacted] and a Negro at the Continental Baking Company handling Wonder Bread and Hostess Cakes, advised that Georgia's Market, 5657 Page Avenue, had been visited by two representatives of ACTION telling them to discontinue Continental Baking Company products. He also advised that on May 19, 1971, [redacted] of the St. Louis ARGUS had visited the Continental Baking Company offices asking them to sit down and negotiate with ACTION concerning their dispute and that if they would donate money to ACTION the boycott against Wonder Bread by ACTION would probably stop. Continental Baking Company officials

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[redacted] refused this offer on the part of [redacted]

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This communication and its contents
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nor its contents are to be distributed
outside the agency to which loaned.

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On May-21, 1971, [] telephonically advised the FBI that he was then at Georgia's Market, operated by [] St. Louis. He MO advised that two or three men from ACTION had visited this store the previous day asking them not to sell Wonder Bread and that ACTION could not be responsible if anything should happen. At approximately 4:30 PM on May 21, 1971, [] again called the FBI stating that he had been accosted by three individuals and had just notified the local police about it and the reason for the accosting was that []

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At this time [] stated that one of the men accosting him was [] but he did not want to make any charges against him.

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On May 27, 1971, [] advised that [] had told him on May 26 and 27, 1971 that he had been abducted by three men on May 21, 1971 and held for three or four hours and the police had identified one of the suspects as [] who [] refused to prosecute. He stated that [] had reported that these three men had robbed him of \$35 before releasing him. The reason for the action against [] by the unidentified individuals reportedly was protesting by Negro drivers of Continental Baking Company on May 19, 1971, when 25 or 30 of them went to ACTION headquarters and picketed against ACTION for their boycott of Wonder Bread and Hostess Cakes. [] said that he understood the police were dubious of [] story because of [] refusal to prosecute [] who had been identified as one of the alleged abductors. He stated also that [] had gone to the St. Louis Council on Human Relations to protest the boycott by ACTION of Wonder Bread products since Continental Baking Company was not discriminating against Negroes and the allegations made by ACTION were false.

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At this time [] advised that Continental Baking Company has 33 Negroes in Sales, two on Supervisory Staff, and a total of more than 200 Negro employees while ACTION claims there are 75 Negro employees. He stated that as a result of the boycott of ACTION 81 stores had discontinued Wonder Bread products and 75 stores Hostess Cake products. He stated that there was a loss of weekly income of approximately \$4,200 in bread and \$3,000 in cake to the company with an average loss of \$50 to \$75 per week to the Negro drivers at Wonder Bread. He also advised that among the stores which had been visited allegedly by ACTION members to discontinue Wonder Bread products were the following:

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First the name of the store is listed then the owner or operator and the address: ALL ST. LOUIS, MO.

~~X~~ J & J Market, [], Euclid and St. Louis Avenue

~~X~~ Fairlane Market, [], 3313 N. Union

~~X~~ Greenlee Market, [], 1400 Hamilton ✓

~~X~~ Northland Market, [], 2900 Kingshighway

~~X~~ C & K Bar-B-Q, []

~~X~~ Atckison Market, 2200 N. Taylor, []

~~X~~ National Food, [], 4256 Natural Bridge

~~X~~ Gateway Market, [], 4004 Lee

~~X~~ OK Market, [], 5200 Page

~~X~~ Central City, [], Grand and Enright

[], 2921 Newstead

~~X~~ Davis Market, [], 3311 Belt

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It is noted that in two of the above instances the store had a window broken after being visited by ACTION individuals.

In addition [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

had a route in East St. Louis, Illinois, in which leaflets were put in Colonial Bread on May 11, 1971 stating "Buy Colonial Bread, Do Not Buy Wonder Bread Or Hostess Cupcakes. Reasons: The Wonder Bread Co. 1. Refuse to Hire and Upgrade Negroes. 2. Refuse to give Negroes on the job training. Boycott Sponsored by ACTION".

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A copy of this leaflet is attached.

BUY
Colonial Bread
DO NOT
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Hostess Cupcakes

Reasons:

The WONDER BREAD CO.

**1. Refuse to HIRE and UPGRADE
Negroes.**

**2. Refuse to give Negroes ON THE
JOB TRAINING**

Boycott Sponsored by A.C.T.I.O.N.

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In addition, there is a leaflet distributed by ACTION in the Negro section of St. Louis which is red print on white paper which began "For A Unified Cause Kill". A copy of this leaflet is as follows:

Attached is an envelope containing page 7 of
this communication which is an obscene leaflet.

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In addition [] made available the following leaflets or letters pertaining to this boycott:

[] ACTION letter dated September 19, 1966 to Wonder Bread Company.

ACTION letter dated January 26, 1967 addressed to Vincent Food Market, 1025 Park Avenue.

ITT Continental Baking Company press release dated April 13, 1971.

ACTION letter March 16, 1971 captioned "Fair Employment Practice".

ACTION letter March 31, 1971 to "Dear Merchants" signed by [] ACTION.

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Handwritten statement by Wonder Bread driver to Continental Baking Company by []

Statement to Continental Baking Company by []

M.O.
Statement to Continental Baking Company, April 8, 1971, by []

Statement dated May 15, 1971, to Continental Baking Company by []

Statement dated May 17, 1971, to Continental Baking Company by []

Action Council To Improve Opportunities for Negroes

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P.O. Box 21313

St. Louis, Mo. 63115

Ev. 1-3572

September 19, 1966

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[Redacted]
Wonder Bread Company
39 South Vandeventer
Saint Louis, Missouri

[Redacted]
It has come to the attention of the Action Council To Improve Opportunities for Negroes (A.C.T.I.O.N.) that the Continental Baking Company and its subsidiaries (~~Wonder Bread Company~~, ~~Hostess Cake Company~~, and ~~Martin's Frozen Food Company~~) is in violation of the fair and equal employment laws regarding Negroes, and especially Negro men.

MO.
The deplorable picture that your company is presenting to the St. Louis community can no longer be condoned or ignored by the total community (Negro and white) who support the Continental Baking Company by purchasing your products.

ACTION demands that the Continental Baking Company (Wonder Bread)

1. Upgrade the present 50-70 Negro employees.
2. Employ 200 Negro men.
3. Upgrade the present 8 Negro women employees.
4. Employ 8 Negro women.

ACTION has begun the proper proceedings and will institute demonstrations and boycotts upon the Continental Baking Company without further notification.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]
Director

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Action Council To Improve Opportunities for Negroes



P.O. Box 21313
St. Louis, Mo. 63115
Ev. 1-3572
January 26, 1967

Vincent Food Market
1025 Park Avenue

Dear Sir

ACTION is commending you for an excellent supporting role regarding ACTION's Wonder Bread and Hostess Boycott in removing those companies products from your grocery shelves. This brought about a quick partial economic victory for the Negro community. The higher the income for the Negro family the more can be spent for groceries, etc.

Continental Baking Company, owners of Wonder Bread and Hostess products, has hired 25 Negroes above janitorial positions since the beginning of ACTION's boycott on September 17, 1966, bringing the total number of Negroes employed to 73 as compared to 492 white employees.

At the present time Continental Baking Company is 113 Negroes short of ACTION's demand that 33% of their total work force of 565 be Negro and be employed in all job categories.

ACTION has suspended the boycott and demonstrations against the Continental Baking Company until March, 1967 to allow the company additional time to hire and upgrade 113 Negro men through their new On-The-Job Training Program.

You may re-open your account with the Continental Baking Company until further notice. The progress of Negro male employment at Continental will be made available to you from ACTION's Employment Committee.

Sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature Box]

Director

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~~ITT~~ Continental
Baking Company Inc.

Wonder Bread — Hostess Cake

6301 N. Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri 63147

FOR: Immediate Release

TO: All News Media

April 13, 1971

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Edward C. Long, Wonder-Hostess Bakery
St. Louis, Mo., Telephone: 761-1500

DISCRIMINATION CHARGE AGAINST WONDER BREAD DISCLAIMED

"I.T.T. Continental Baking Company, St. Louis, bakers of Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake, has functioned and continues to function as an Equal Opportunity Employer. The bakery's affirmative employment practices have been inspected by federal auditors and Project Equality and found to be in full compliance. I.T.T. Continental Baking has fully cooperated with the Urban League, H.D.C., and other civil rights organizations.

As of January 1, 1971, the Company employed 650 employees at its St. Louis bakery. Of this total, 202 were Black. Black employees held 15 management positions — 4 Department Officials, 8 Foremen, and 3 Divisional Sales Supervisors. Also, there were 28 Black route salesmen, 62 skilled and semi-skilled jobs, 38 laborers, and 59 bakery sanitation.

Charges against Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake are being made that obviously are based on misinformation. The Company has furnished correct statistics to all organizations which have asked for them.

The Company's Equal Employment Opportunity Program is considered one of the most progressive in St. Louis."

- END -



A BLACK-HUMANE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE...
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NOTE:
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ARE NOT LISTED
FOR STRATEGIC REASONS;
PROTECTION FROM THE
ENEMY

ACTION

P.O. BOX 21313

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63115

(314) 381-3572

March 16, 1971

Subject: Fair Employment Practice

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New York, New York

PROF. H. BUCHBINDER
Foreign Diplomat;
Toronto, Canada

GEORGE JOHNSON
Dear Merchant:
JUDGE JOHNSON

To introduce myself, I am General Melvin Carr, Chairman of ACTION's Employment Committee. My committee has just completed a six (6) month study of the number of Blacks employed at the Wonder Bread Company. Besides finding that the Wonder Bread Company has not lived up to their promise of hiring up to, and maintaining, at least forty percent (40%) Blacks - the Company is also guilty of not upgrading the few Blacks already employed. ATTEMPT TO FOOL THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

It has been further discovered that the Wonder Bread Company is sending the small number of employed Black drivers to only those stores in the Black community. This is an old trick to make you (the store manager) and me think that they are not discriminating against Blacks, especially at the bakery plant behind the scene. In other words, they are playing the same old game - showing you and me one (1) Black face, which is to lead us to think there are many more Blacks behind the scene. The truth of the matter is - from ACTION members, both Black and white, who are working for Wonder Bread but not known to the Company as ACTION members - "Most of the racial discriminatory practice exists at the company. The company is not allowing Black drivers to deliver bread at the large white-owned supermarkets; and, the Blacks are afraid to speak out against the employment white racism for fear of losing their jobs."

Based on the knowledge from our inside contact, the Employment Committee will be recommending to ACTION's General Assembly to call a Boycott of all Wonder Bread products, thereby persuading them to hire Black men in decent paying positions; to be upgraded, and not be "messed with" by white racist supervisors while on that job.

If ACTION should accept our recommendation, you will be contacted again, by ACTION's Vice-chairman, Judge Johnson.

Yours in fair employment,

Commando, The Guerrilla Force
and Chairman, Employment Committee
(For further information,
call 381-3572 after 5:00 evening)

P.S. Don't pay any attention to the Negro drivers or Negro Representatives who will claim Wonder Bread is not discriminating, because Wonder Bread are paying these Uncle Toms to work against Black Progress in Employment - some will be afraid of losing their jobs.

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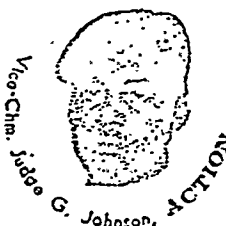
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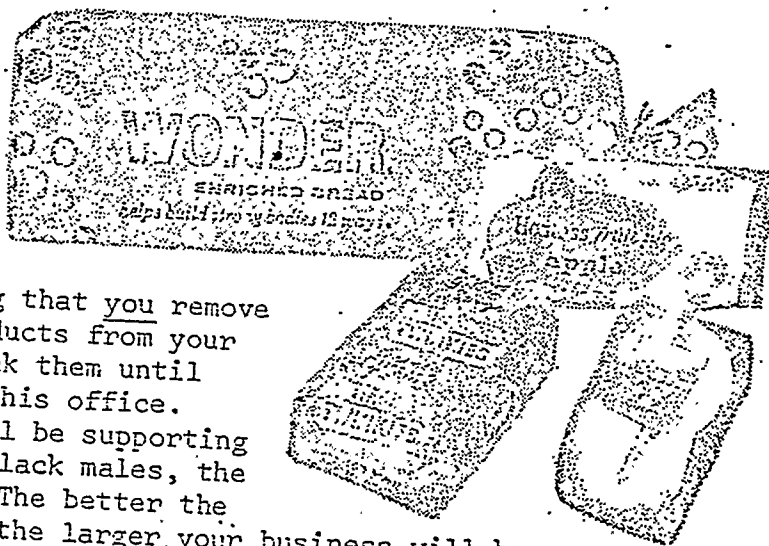
March 31, 1971

DON'T BUY!



Dear Merchant:

Just to inform you: as of this moment ACTION has called an all out boycott of Wonder Bread Products. We are hereby requesting that you remove all Wonder Bread products from your store and do not stock them until further notice from this office. Your co-operation will be supporting fair employment for Black males, the family breadwinner. The better the job for Black males, the larger your business will become - plus, a lesser chance of you becoming a robbery victim.



Of a total work force of approximately 1800 workers, in positions above sanitation, 75 are Black.

ACTION's demands made upon the Wonder Bread Company are: that Blacks must be hired up to - and maintained at not less than - forty-seven percent (47%) of their total work force above sanitation; that all Blacks presently employed be upgraded; and, that the company stop misleading the community by false advertising. Just as Wonder Bread officials are now being investigated by the U.S. government for lying to the public in terms of false advertising - don't expect the company not to have lied about their employment practices. Tell your Wonder Bread delivery man, Black or white, that you won't be needing any more bread until ACTION's demands are met. When demands are met, ACTION will contact you.

Beware of the many tricks that Wonder Bread will attempt to play on you - such as: getting a Negro (Uncle Tom) driver to cry on your shoulder, claiming the boycott is hurting him and his family. Ask him this question: what about those other Blacks who are unemployed as a result of racial job discrimination? These Blacks have families too! You must make that "Tom" see that we

all must make some small sacrifice for equal employment - that his individual family is no more important than yours or mine. If we can make a sacrifice, so can he! You dig, we, both Black and white, must stay sticking together for what is right!

Another point is this: your community will take pride in knowing that you are further supporting equal employment! Remember, too, that you're not really losing by supporting the Wonder Bread Boycott, because it can be replaced with a larger order of Taystee, Colonial Bread, etc. It would be helpful also to inform those persons who ask for Wonder Bread why you're not stocking it.

Special Note: ALL OTHER STORES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE NOT CO-OPERATING - WRITE THE NAME OF STORE AND ADDRESS ON THE ENCLOSED POST CARD - DROP IN MAIL BOX.

For those stores ACTION plans to picket and conduct a neighborhood boycott against them. ACTION is a direct (non-violent) action human rights organization, and does not deal in violent methods, such as bombing, sniper firing or the burning down of a building, by any stretch of the imagination. And, ACTION will not be responsible for whatever other actions might take place by some other element against those stores who refuse to co-operate.

In closing, ACTION has also called upon all rights and peace organizations in the country for support in the Wonder Bread boycott and to make similar local demands upon ITT Continental Baking Company.

Yours in Struggle,

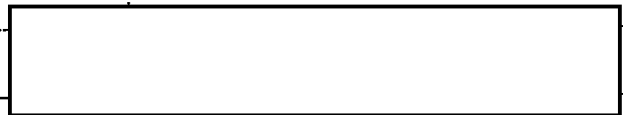


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Dear Sir

while serving Harris Super. at 5501 Easton, on The 30th of March the Colonial salesman came in to serve the shop. He had in his back pocket two or three envelopes. He took one out and gave it to the clerk saying "you have heard there is a boycott on Wonder Bread, here is a letter I want you to read it" I asked him what was he doing passing out those letters, he said "I am just showing it to her, so she can see what it says" I notice the letter was not addressed to Harris Super, but had the address of another store.



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While off on Thursday, April 1, 1971. About 7:00 o'clock I stopped in At Weaver's Lounge on Union Ave. There were Three of My Old High School and running buddies sitting At table. I went over and joined them, Shaped Hands And Welcomed Myself. We Started Talking About How's The Family And Etc. Later I asked, What's Going On. He Smiled And Kept Talking About Usual Things. After Drinking A few, I mentioned The Fact That Action Was Picketing Our Place. We Voiced our Choice About That. Later I mentioned, That You Salesmen Should Be Making The Big Buck Now. That's When One of The Fellows Spoke Up And Said. Ye Baby, We Got To Help Our Brothers. The Other Two Also Voiced Their Appien About That Also. That's When One of the Salemen Said, We'll Be Taking Over. We Started Talking about Why Action Was Doing This. We Came To No Conclusion now Move Than Statements, Like Something Is Wrong. I Asked the Question. Do You Salesmen Think It's Right For Action To Picket Wonder Bread And Not All The Companies? They Said They Didn't Know What Was Happening, But They Had Orders To Pass Out pamphlets That They Was Given, To The Stores That They Served. We went on, Talking Only About Wonder Bread & Colonial And As And Ends About Action. These Three Fellows Are Salesmen Colonial Bakery.

Dear Sir

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about a month ago some of the fellows from the wonder bread sales dept. Stopped at a tavern to have a drink. The tavern is across the street from actions headquar of which Percy Green is Chairman.

We were sitting around talking when [redacted] approached me and put his hand on my shoulder and said "we are getting ready to give you fellows some play" at this point I replied "how are you going to give us a play when you are writing letters about us."

He was surprised when he found out that we were from wonder bread.

In reply to our questions he beat around the bush, and talked about subjects that had not been discussed, and excused himself saying that he had an appointment to make.

Due to the similarity of the uniforms he thought that we were from Colonial

Sincerely Yours

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I was told by [redacted]
of the Manager's of Central City Foods,
he had received a telephone call, stating
that, unless Wonder Bread was picked up
by Monday the store would be bombed
and windows broken.

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entirely.

At or around 5:30 pm. Friday evening I went to
 Ralph's Lounge on Newstead Ave. I walked in
 and there sat [redacted] I was passing out
 info to every body. He the guy from the
 bakery who had been kept waiting and
 at the other companies. His answer, we are
 the biggest and he would get around to
 the others. He told him he would hint to all
 the blacks instead of helping us. His remarks
 were hard to get past and eventually he
 decided to bring the ~~front~~ whole operation
 to a stand still. He had also been trying
 to help some women find employment. I
 wanted to ~~help~~ ^{get} right to the manager in order
 to solve this problem up. But Reddy he was
 trying to get us to turn over the company
 and ~~any other~~ ^{any other} ~~propaganda~~ ^{propaganda} with him.
 We were searching for answers any way possible.

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In addition, [redacted] advised that drivers
[redacted] had, in the past, had
encounters with ACTION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 8, 1971

On May 27, 1971, [redacted]
driver of Wonder Bread products for Continental Baking
Company, furnished the following signed statement:

"I, [redacted] make
the following voluntary statement to [redacted]
[redacted]

"May 27, 1971
"St. Louis, Mo.

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who have identified themselves to me
as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats
or promises have been made to me to get
me to make this statement. [redacted]

"I was born [redacted] in St. Louis,
Mo. I reside at [redacted]
[redacted]

"At about 9:00 AM on Friday, May 21,
1971, I was at Georgia's Market, 5657 Page,
St. Louis, Mo. As I left this store and
walked to my car parked on the north side
of Page facing west and started to get in
two fellows approached me from the rear.
A third person on the sidewalk next to my
car said 'Can we talk to you'. As I
began putting my key in the lock on the
door one of the fellows put a gun in my
back, and said to get in the back on the
floor.

"From this and later observation I
would describe these fellows as follows:

"The fellow who drove my car later
and was one of those who had come up
behind me, is [redacted] whom I have
known for years.

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"The one who had the gun was a big
fellow, about 27-28 years old, 5'11",
180 lbs., wore an 'ACTION' shirt with

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On 5/27/71 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 92-New

SA [redacted]
by SA [redacted] RBS:mv Date dictated 6/2/71

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'ACTION' on the front, wore a leather coat, and had been in an ACTION picket line the previous Wednesday, May 19, 1971. He was Negro.

"The third man was about 24 years old, 5'8"-9", 145-150 lbs., wore blue jeans, boots, black shirt, leather jacket and carried a walkie talkie. He had been at the ACTION headquarters on May 19, 1971, and was across the street.

"After getting in the car the driver made a U-turn on Page Ave., heading east. The smaller man with the walkie talkie sat in front and the bigger man sat in back with me.

"After the car started the man the man in back tied my hands behind me and blindfolded me with a black cloth.

"The man with the walkie talkie said they had picked up the package and asked instructions. He was told over the walkie talkie to follow plan one. This man with the walkie talkie then asked the question 'Plan One?' [redacted] then said if they were going to do that he did not want to get involved.

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"They drove around until about 1:00 PM or for about 4 hours. I know this because my wrist watch has an alarm set for 1 PM and it went off. I remember we drove on a dirty, dusty road. My car used up $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tank of gas in this drive. Most of the drive was starting and stopping as if for red lights. Once we waited for a train for about 10 minutes.

"We finally stopped and got out, the car being parked on soft ground, and mud got on my shoes.

"I was still blindfolded. We walked about 15' to a building, stopped, entered after ringing a bell and having the door opened by someone else. We went up stairs right inside the door, to the second story of the building. I could smell something like laquer thinner in this building. All 3 of the men went up with me. [] asked me how long I worked with Wonder Bread. I told him I had been there about 1½ months. He said 'Man I do not know what is going on' and that he had been hired to go along. Someone then told [] to stop talking to me and I heard nothing about [] after that.

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"I was held at this building about 45 minutes to one hour. There was 4 or 5 different voices different from the 3 who took me in the building. One of those was a woman who said to get me out of there or she would call the police.

"After about 45 minutes to one hour 3 men took me back down the steps out of the building. [] was not one of these men, but the other 2 were the same who brought me there. I was blindfolded all the time.

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"This third man I would describe as 5'10", 29 years old, 145 lbs., thin mustache, long eyelashes, full eyebrows, natural hair style.

"We left the building and got in a smaller car which I saw later and describe as a white Ford, 4 door, about 1959 model, and also had the smell of laquer thinner in it.

"We drove about 45 minutes to an hour, stopped and I heard a school bell. Just before stopping the big fellow with the gun said that if it was left up to him he'd shoot me and dump me in a rock quarry. He said he was not bull sh _ _ _ ing and to tell those m _ _ _ f _ _ _ s at Wonder Bread that we mean business or something to this effect.

"They then took off the blindfold, untied my hands, but took my keys, wallet with about \$35.00 and change. The then let me go and said my car was 3 blocks away on a dead end street.

"This was in the vicinity of Glassgow and Montgomery Streets in St. Louis. I went to my car, the keys being in it and went home. I got home about 4:30 PM or 5 PM.

"I have read this about six page statement and that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

/s/ Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,
St. Louis, Mo. 5/27/71.

/s/ Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,
St. Louis, Mo. 5/27/71."

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[redacted] furnished the following description of himself:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	
Weight	
Build	Medium
Hair	Black and short

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Mother

Father

Social Security #

Military service

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Following is a copy of the police report made by [redacted] to the St. Louis Police Department May 21, 1971, concerning his alleged abduction and robbery on May 21, 1971:

This report was made by Detective [redacted] on May 27, 1971. At this time [redacted] advised it was his opinion [redacted] real name was [redacted] and a photograph of [redacted] [redacted] was made available by the St. Louis Police.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT — CITY OF ST. LOUIS

POLICE REPORT

1. TYPE OF INCIDENT Abduction and Robbery			2. HOW COMPLAINT RECEIVED () RADIO 77th STATION () CITIZEN () ON VIEW			3. FIELD CODE 3		4. CRIME CODE 110		5. FILE NO. 107126		6. COMPLAINT NUMBER 107126	
7. DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE 5-21-71 9:30 A.M.						8. DATE AND TIME REPORTED TO POLICE 5-21-71 5:40 P.M.							
9. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 5657 Page Blvd.						11. DIST. 7		12. TYPE OF PREMISE (IF RES. GARAGE ETC.) Public Street					
13. VICTIM (IF FIRM, NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS)						14. RESIDENCE ADDRESS				15. RES. PHONE			
16. BUSINESS ADDRESS						17. BUS. PHONE-INT.				18. BUS. PHONE-EXT.			
19. VICTIM'S PEDIGREE: 18. RACE <input type="checkbox"/> 19. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> 20. AGE <input type="checkbox"/> 21. OCCUPATION <input type="checkbox"/>						22. PERSON REPORTING INCIDENT Victim (#13)				23. RESIDENCE ADDRESS Same #14			
24. WITNESSES' NAMES A. None						25. RES. PHONE Same #15				26. BUS. PHONE-INT. Same #17			
27. RESIDENCE ADDRESS						28. RES. PHONE				29. BUS. PHONE-EXT.			
30. PERSON WANTED/ARRESTED						31. RESIDENCE ADDRESS				32. ARREST REGISTER NO.			
33. ACTUAL ()						34. ACTUAL ()				35. ACTUAL ()			
36. PERSON WANTED/ARRESTED						37. RESIDENCE ADDRESS				38. ARREST REGISTER NO.			
39. ACTUAL ()						40. ACTUAL ()				41. ACTUAL ()			
42. VEHICLE () OF VICTIM (XX) USED						43. LIC. YEAR STATE				44. LICENSE NO.			
45. MAKE: YEAR MAKE MODEL (FAIRLANE, E8, ETC.)						46. COLOR: TOP BOTTOM (OR ONE COLOR)				47. BODY STYLE (CONV., SEDAN, ETC.)			
48. 1965 Ford UNKNOWN						49. White				50. Sedan			
31. VEHICLE () OF VICTIM (XX) USED / UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN													
32. UNITS NOTIFIED (GIVE NAME AND EXTENSION NUMBER)													
33. ID. LAB. OTHER													
34. NARRATIVE: GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INCIDENT; USE CONTINUATION SHEET IF NECESSARY.													
At about 5:40 P.M. of this date the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported to this office that they had received a complaint of an abduction from the area of Clara and Page, this victim being a [redacted] of this command made an investigation into this matter and at this time went to the afore-													
35. TELETYPE NUMBER 36. REFERENCE NO. 37. SUBMITTED BY: OFFICER, DSN, ASSIGNMENT 38. DATE OF REPORT 39. P. 1 of 5 pp.													
40. SERGEANT'S INITIALS													

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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

Vehicle Report

CASE STATUS
☒ ACTIVE **77C**
☐ INACTIVE

COMPLAINT NUMBER
107126

8. TYPE OF PREMISES
Street

11. AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE
N/A

14. WILL VICTIM PROSECUTE?
☒ YES ☐ NO

TYPE (STOLEN-LOST-FOUND-IMPOUNDED)
Stolen & Recovered Auto

1. DATE & TIME REPORTED TO POLICE
5/21/71 5:40 PM

2. DISTRICT
7th

3. BLOCK NO.

4. HOW COMPLAINT RECEIVED
☐ RADIO ☐ STATION
☒ CITIZEN ☐ ON VIEW

5. FILE

6. DATE & TIME LOST-STOLEN
5/21/71 9:30 AM

7. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE
5657 Page

9. DATE AND TIME RECOVERED-FOUND-IMPOUNDED
5/21/71 10:20 AM

10. REASON FOR IMPOUND
N/A

12. CAN SUSPECT BE IDENTIFIED BY
☒ VICTIM ☐ WITNESS

13. BUREAUS NOTIFIED (INDICATE LAST NAME IN SPACE)
(ID.) (LAB.) (OTHER)

15. VICTIM (IF FIRM, NAME OF BUSINESS)
[Redacted]

16. RESIDENCE ADDRESS (BUS. ADDRESS, IF FIRM)
[Redacted]

17. RES. PHONE
[Redacted]

18. BUS. PHONE
[Redacted]

19. LEGAL OWNER
[Redacted]

20. RESIDENCE ADDRESS
[Redacted]

21. RES. PHONE
[Redacted]

22. BUS. PHONE
Nong

23. PERSON REPORTING OCCURRENCE TO POLICE
#15

24. RESIDENCE ADDRESS
[Redacted]

25. RES. PHONE
[Redacted]

26. BUS. PHONE
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27. PERSON LAST DRIVING VEHICLE
[Redacted]

28. RESIDENCE ADDRESS
[Redacted]

29. RES. PHONE
[Redacted]

30. BUS. PH
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31. YEAR
1969

32. MAKE
Olds.

33. BODY STYLE
4 Door

34. COLOR COMBINATION
Dark Green/Light Green

35. LICENSE-YEAR-STATE-NUMBER
[Redacted]

VERIFIED
☒ Yes ☐ No

36. MOTOR NUMBER
[Redacted]

37. SERIAL NUMBER
[Redacted]

38. MILEAGE
Unk.

39. TIRES - MAKE AND SERIAL NO.
Unk.

40. RADIO, MAKE AND NUMBER
Unk.

41. INSURER
World Insurance Corp.

VALUE
Unk.

42. HEATER - MAKE AND TYPE
Unk.

43. IGNITION LOCKED?
☒ YES ☐ NO

44. DOORS LOCKED?
☐ YES ☒ NO

45. KEYS IN VEHICLE?
☐ YES ☒ NO

46. WITNESSES NAMES
A. None

47. ADDRESS

48. RES. PHONE

49. BUS. PHONE

50. PERSONS WANTED/OR ARRESTED
A. See Continuation

51. ADDRESS

CITY

52. ARREST NO.

EST. () RACE SEX AGE HGT. WGT.
ACTUAL ()

HAIR EYES COMPLEXION BUILD CLOTHING

PERSONS WANTED/OR ARRESTED
B. See Continuation

ADDRESS

CITY

ARREST NO.

EST. () RACE SEX AGE HGT. WGT.
ACTUAL ()

HAIR EYES COMPLEXION BUILD CLOTHING

53. ITEM NO. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, BRAND, & SERIAL NUMBER

VALUE

MONEY

JEWELRY

FURS

CLOTHING

AUTO/MISC

TOTAL

(a) (b)
See Continuation

(c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

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54. STATE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS INCIDENT. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, USE CONTINUATION REPORT.

See Continuation

DIST.	TRANSCRIBED BY:		PROCESSED BY:		TELETYPE NUMBER	DATE OF REPORT
	CLERK NO.	DATE	CLERK NO.	DATE		
SUBMITTED BY (NAME OF OFFICER AND DSN, DIV.)					SUPERVISOR INITIALS	SIGNATURE REVIEWING OFFICER, DSN, DIV.
[Redacted]					[Redacted]	[Redacted]

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF ST. LOUIS

CONTINUATION REPORT

FILE NO. - FOR RECORDS SECTION

Three (3)

PAGE NO.

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COMPLAINT NO.

mentioned address at [redacted] and there interviewed this victim who stated to them that he had been abducted and robbed, being abducted from 5657 Page and he made the following statement.

STATEMENT OF [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was a route salesman for the Wonder Bread Co. and that a group known as "ACTION" had formed a boycott against this company, requesting that negroes not purchase any product from this company.

He stated as a result of this action taken against the company that he is employed by, that he and another employee formed a group of workers of this company for the purpose of picketing the headquarters of this group and he stated that on 5-20-71 they did picket this group.

[redacted] then stated that at about 9:30 A.M. of this date he was operating his 1969 Oldsmobile and he went to visit a friend and customer at 5657 Page Blvd. and he then left this address, walked directly to his automobile, which was parked at the curb at this address, and at this time a subject came up to him and stated: "HOW FAR EAST ARE YOU GOING" and called him by name, and [redacted] replied that he was not going east but was going west. (subject described as 30C, page one).

[redacted] then stated that at about this time two other subjects came up behind him, one being a [redacted] the other described as 30B, and then subject described as subject 30B, stated "I HAVE A GUN IN YOUR BACK, GET IN THE BACK SEAT". [redacted] then stated he got in the back of his car.

He stated that the subject with the gun then told him to lay on the floor of his car, and he complied, stating that at this time this man pointed a small calibre automatic blue steel pistol directly at his head. He then stated that [redacted] got behind the wheel of his car and that subject 30C got in the front seat of his car, [redacted] then proceeded to drive this automobile. He stated that the subject in the back seat then put a blind fold over his eyes and then tied his hands behind his back.

He stated that the subject described as 30C had a small walkie-talkie in his right rear pocket, stating that he ([redacted]) had observed this radio at the time he was ordered to the rear of this car.

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He then stated that they drove around for about thirty minutes. He stated that after the car was going that subject number 30B, who was in the back seat with him, stated to subject number 30A, who was in the passengers seat; "CALL IN AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WE HAVE HIM" and then he heard subject 30B sated "NO WE WILL JUST GO ON DOWN THERE"

[] stated that he heard subject 30B state "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH HIM, SHOOT HIM, BEAT HIM UP, OR ROB HIM?" and this subject got no response from either subject sitting in the front seat he then stated "I THINK I WILL SHOOT HIM IN BOTH LEGS". b6 b7C

[] stated that after the period of about thirty minutes that the car stopped and that these three subjects then ordered him out of this car. He stated that he walked up a group of steps, believing this to be on the second floor, where they took him into a room, and he heard numerous voices and then a strange voice said to him "WHY ARE YOU HELPING THE HUNKIES MAKE MONEY FROM THE BLACK PEOPLE?" also he heard this subject then state "YOU HAD BETTER LEAVE ACTION ALONE" he then stated that this same man stated "I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO GET YOU IN AGAIN, OR YOU WILL BE DEAD, THIS TIME THIS IS JUST A WARNING" b6 b7C

He then stated that the subject standing near him took him by the arm and led him down the steps and then placed him in the rear of a auto, which smelled of paint. He stated that they then drove around for about five minutes, then he was ordered out of the car. He stated that at this time he observed the same three subjects who had first abducted him.

He stated they then drove to the 2700 block of Montgomery Avenue and there he was let out of this car and [] stated to him "YOUR CAR IS ONLY ABOUT ONE BLOCK FROM HERE" b6 b7C

[] then stated that he found his automobile and then went to the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report this incident.

END OF STATEMENT OF []:

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When questioned in regards to the subject wanted known as [] this victim stated that he has known [] for a period of over six (6) years and that he is positive that this was the man who was operating his vehicle during this incident.

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He stated that as the car drove away from 2700 Montgomery he observed that this was a 1965 white painted four door ford sedan, no further, stating that they then drove east on Montgomery making good their escape.

These two detectives then went to 2933 Montgomery and could get on response after knocking upon this door, attempting to effect the arrest of [redacted]

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation per Agent [redacted] was notified of the facts contained in this police report.

[redacted] stated that after he was released he drove his automobile home, then he loaned this automobile to a friend, whom he did not identify. b6 E.T.U. was notified per [redacted] in charge b7C of Cruiser [redacted] was notified and failed to respond due to the fact that the car in question had been used after this crime by this victim and a friend of this victim.

[redacted] stated that at the time he was taken from the aforementioned building and after they took the blind fold off him that subject number three removed from his right front trouser pocket the sum of \$35.00, removed from his rear pocket the aforementioned wallet and the keys described on page one of this report, further stating that at the time these items were removed from his person that he had his hands tied behind his back. b6 b7C

During this interview, [redacted] stated that he was in fear of his life stating that he was afraid that a bomb would be placed at his home or at the home of his mother one [redacted] Due to this [redacted] was contacted and an order has been placed on their desk book for officers in the area to pay attention to this address. A order has been placed on the desk book of this district requesting that attention be placed on the home at [redacted] b6 b7C

Teletype message number 319 of this date orders the arrest of these three subjects in this regards, reference number 302933 reflects the theft of this automobile and teletype message number 297 cancelled this automobile as being stolen.

Due to the fact that the robbery was committed in district five, [redacted] b6 b7C of that command was notified of this fact.

A further investigation is now under way and if to any avail, further reports shall be submitted.

Respectfully,

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Commanding 7th Dist. Detective Unit

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 4, 1971

On May 27, 1971, [] was interviewed [] where he was using the name [] and when exhibited a photograph of [] he admitted that that was his photograph. He was advised of his rights and read Form 395 containing these rights and signed same at 5:32 PM, May 27, 1971.

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Following this [] furnished the following signed statement:

"St. Louis, Mo.
"May 27, 1971

"I, [] make the following voluntary statement to [] and [] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement.

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"I applying for employment at Continental Bakery Inc., St. Louis, Mo., in March 1971 I attached to the application a record of military service on form DD 214, a U. S. Government form. I obtained this form in blank from a girl who was employed at the Federal Records Center in St. Louis, and who got the blank form for me from this Record Center. I put the name [] as my name on the form. []

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"I read the about consisting of one and

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On 5/27/71 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 92-New
by SA [] RBS:mv Date dictated 6/2/71

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the best of my knowledge.

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/s/ Witness: SA, FBI,
St. Louis, Mo. 5-27-71

/s/ Witness: SA, FBI,
St. Louis, Mo. 5-27-71"

In addition, at this time advised
that he did not wish to furnish the police the
identity of as one of his alleged
abductors mentioned above because knew his
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In connection with another investigation being conducted by the FBI of a bank robbery in St. Louis, Missouri on May 21, 1971, [] has been identified and charged in a Federal warrant in this bank robbery which took place at approximately 1:30 PM May 21, 1971.

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[] has been known to be in the company of individuals other than those indicated by []

On May 27, 1971, []
[] Continental Baking Company, advised that []
[] and the fact that he had falsified his application for employment with Continental Baking Company, as a result of which he was dismissed from the company.

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On June 11, 1971, []
Wonder Bread Company, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that for informational purposes it had come to his attention that two white females []
and [] had recently been arrested at the Mc Donnell Aircraft Company, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated the incident happened on May 28, 1971, when the females had been taken by [] of ACTION near the Mc Donnell Plant where they were transferred from a personally owned car to a Colonial Baking Company truck and in this truck entered Mc Donnell Aircraft in behalf of ACTION. He stated after their arrest they were freed on bail of \$1,000 each. The bail being put up by one []
[] Colonial Baking Company, 4228 Holly Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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On June 15, 1971, [] Continental Baking Company, advised that Joe's Foodland Market, 13th and Biddle Street, St. Louis, Missouri, had been visited by representatives of ACTION who told them to remove Continental Baking Company products. He also advised that five International Tea Stores had notified

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Continental Baking Company they were discontinuing their products. In addition, he stated Gaines Tomboy Market, 4337 Natural Bridge, was discontinuing. In this connection he noted that [] of Colonial Baking Company had offered to supply some of these stores with Colonial products and that [] appeared to be working in conjunction with ACTION.

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[] made available copies of "A Letter To The Public" by the Black salesmen of Wonder Bread, and a letter dated May 28, 1971, from Work Opportunities Unlimited in behalf of Continental Baking Company.

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Copies of these are as follows:

A LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

A.C.T.I.O.N. states that we work for a racist company.
They call us "Uncle Toms".
They claim we employ 1800 people.
They claim we employ 75 Black people.

These accusations are downright false.

Let's take a typical example of some of their "Civil Rights Activities":

In 1968 A.C.T.I.O.N. had thirty-five Black employees fired from "Work Opportunities Unlimited" through strong-armed tactics.

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In 1971 Mr. James ~~X~~ Lawrence (Black Business man of the year) who owns a Black operated--Black owned Tom Boy store in the Black Community, was boycotted by 5 male Black members of A.C.T.I.O.N. and 4 white females, claiming Mr. Lawrence supports white racism. They had no regard for this man and his family.

We feel an organization like this has selfish motives for their activities. They have a complete disregard for the good Black people who are trying to earn a living and give their children a good education to become good citizens.

WE WORK....THEY DON'T-----WE'RE HONEST....THEY AREN'T-----WE'RE GOD-FEARING....
THEY AREN'T-----WE TRY....THEY DON'T.

Isn't it a shame that anyone would recognize and honor an organization that represents only themselves?

We are asking your cooperation and help by calling your friends and neighbors--
Tell them that these people do not represent the Black people that are responsible and try to make an honest living and want to bring their children up into a world of honesty and decency.

The Black Salesmen of
Wonder Bread & Hostess Cake

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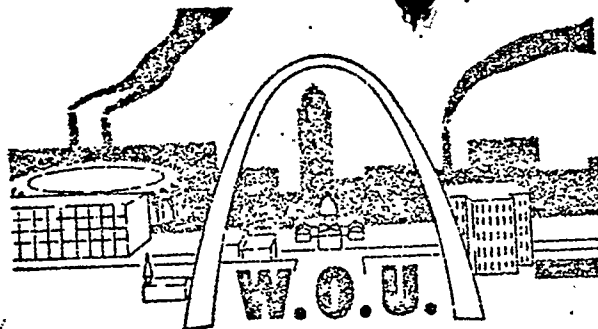
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WORK OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

1700 SOUTH SECOND STREET • ST. LOUIS, MO. 63104
TELEPHONE: 621-0929 (AREA CODE 314)

May 28, 1971

Dear [REDACTED]

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A recent review of our employer contacts, for purpose of a qualitative analysis of job opportunities developed by Work Opportunities Unlimited, revealed that your company's participation has been consistently above average from the latter part of 1966 to date. It is a pleasure, therefore, to inform you of our appreciation for your high support of our efforts and of our sincere desire to continue servicing your manpower needs.

Please feel free to let us know if there is anything further we can do to facilitate your operations or to guarantee perpetuation of the excellent rapport we have established.

Very truly yours

Richard K. Brunk
Director

[REDACTED]
Continental Baking Company
6301 North Broadway
Saint Louis, Missouri 63147

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On June 17, 1971, [] advised that Gaines Tomboy Market, 2600 Marcus, had a sticker pasted on their window, "Don't Buy Wonder Bread" and that the window was broken.

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On June 18, 1971, [] made available letters he had received from Betty's Confectionery, 633 Loughborough, St. Louis, Missouri, and Olg Brothers Confectionery, 2856 Union, St. Louis, Missouri, which these stores had received from ACTION and copies of ACTION letters, one being dated March 31, 1971 and the second June 15, 1971 are as follows:

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March 31, 1971

DON'T BUY!

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FT. WALTER WITTE
New York, New York

PROF. H. BUCHBINDER
Foreign Diplomat;
Toronto, Canada

Dear Merchant:

Just to inform
you: as of this
moment ACTION has
called an all out
boycott of Wonder
Bread Products. We

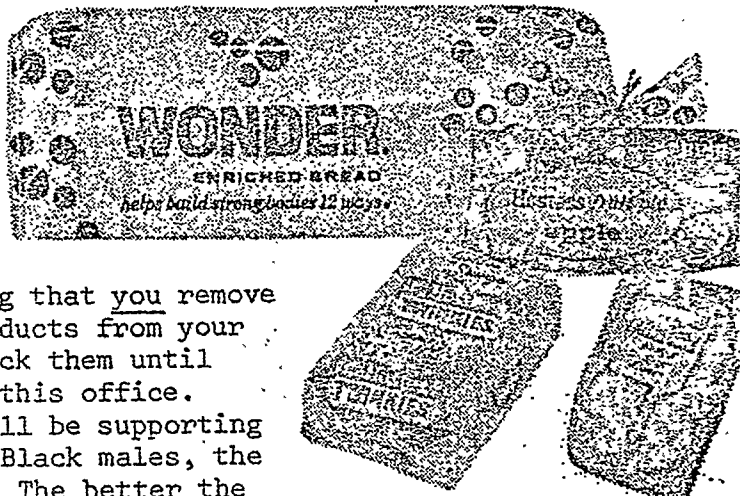
are hereby requesting that you remove
all Wonder Bread products from your
store and do not stock them until
further notice from this office.

Your co-operation will be supporting
fair employment for Black males, the
family breadwinner. The better the
job for Black males, the larger your business will become - plus,
a lesser chance of you becoming a robbery victim.

Of a total work force of approximately 1800 workers, in
positions above sanitation, 75 are Black.

ACTION's demands made upon the Wonder Bread Company are:
that Blacks must be hired up to - and maintained at not less
than - forty-seven percent (47%) of their total work force above
sanitation; that all Blacks presently employed be upgraded; and,
that the company stop misleading the community by false
advertising. Just as Wonder Bread officials are now being
investigated by the U.S. government for lying to the public in
terms of false advertising - don't expect the company not to have
lied about their employment practices. Tell your Wonder Bread
delivery man, Black or white, that you won't be needing any more
bread until ACTION's demands are met. When demands are met,
ACTION will contact you.

Beware of the many tricks that Wonder Bread will attempt to
play on you - such as: getting a Negro driver to cry
on your shoulder, claiming the boycott is hurting him and his
family. Ask him this question: what about those other Blacks who
are unemployed as a result of racial job discrimination? These
Blacks have families too! You must make that see that we



all must make some small sacrifice for equal employment - that his individual family is no more important than yours or mine. If we can make a sacrifice, so can he! You dig, we, both Black and white, must start sticking together for what is right!

Another point is this: your community will take pride in knowing that you are further supporting equal employment! Remember, too, that you're not really losing by supporting the Wonder Bread Boycott, because it can be replaced with a larger order of, Taystee, Colonial bread, etc. It would be helpful also to inform those persons who ask for Wonder Bread why you are not stocking it.

Special Note: ALL OTHER STORES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE NOT CO-OPERATING - WRITE THE NAME OF STORE AND ADDRESS ON THE ENCLOSED POST CARD - DROP IN MAIL BOX.

For those stores ACTION plans to picket and conduct a neighborhood boycott against them. ACTION is a direct (non-violent) action human rights organization, and does not deal in violent methods, such as bombing, sniper firing or the burning down of a building, by any stretch of the imagination. And, ACTION will not be responsible for whatever other actions might take place by some other element against those stores who refuse to co-operate.

In closing, ACTION has also called upon all rights and peace organizations in the country for support in the Wonder Bread boycott and to make similar local demands upon ITT Continental Baking Company.

Yours in Struggle,

George Johnson

Vice-Chairman Judge G. Johnson
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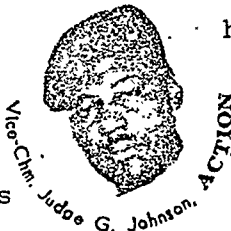
PROF. H. BUCHBINDER
Foreign Diplomat;
Toronto, Canada

Re: WONDER-HOSTESS BOYCOTT
MAY LAST AT LEAST A YEAR!

Dear Supporter,

ACTION at this point has no other choice than to make preparations to continue the Wonder Bread-Hostess Boycott for at least a year. You will be notified every month or two as to the amount of progress that has occurred through high-level discussions between ACTION officials and the Wonder Bread-Hostess officials from St. Louis or officials from New York. So far, the Wonder Bread-Hostess top officials have not been willing to sit down and discuss their racial discriminatory practice against Blacks. Had the Wonder Bread-Hostess officials lived up to their promise of Spring 1967, there would not be another boycott of their products. The demands ACTION has made upon them today are the same demands they had agreed to incorporate, except they were not willing to stop their false advertising. These demands are:

that Blacks be
less than
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hired up to and maintained at not
forty-seven percent (47%) of their
work force above common labor and
tion;

that all Blacks
included:
that the

presently employed be upgraded
menial jobs (sanitation and common
labor) be divided 50% black - 50% white; and

that the Company stop misleading the community by false
advertising.

ACTION's position is that we will not accept any more promises from the Wonder Bread-Hostess officials. In other words, the boycott will continue until all of the demands are met. Three years from now, we don't want to call another boycott against them for not living up to their promises.

You should be aware of these "Jive-time" government agencies; city, state and federal. Most of these phony investigating agencies can be bought and sold by the Wonder Bread-Hostess officials. They have the money! Therefore, ACTION will not depend on a favorable investigation. As much employment racial discrimination cases that you and I know exist, 99.9% of the time these government agencies will always claim it does not exist. They will always take sides with big business. This is so, simply because these large companies have put money in the pockets of key individuals who work for these agencies. ACTION says "to hell with these government agencies." If they are doing their job, the Wonder Bread-Hostess Company would not be permitted to discriminate against Blacks in the first place.

SUCSESSES: Since the boycott of Wonder Bread-Hostess products, a number of Blacks have been hired and promoted at

Tiptop, Taystee and the Colonial Bread Company. Cooperation among the grocers, confectionaries and restaurants, both large and small, black and white owners, has been tremendous. More than 326 grocers, confectionaries and restaurants in the St. Louis area have removed all Wonder Bread-Hostess products. In addition, some stores have cancelled large private-label baking contracts with Wonder-Hostess. Additional stores are joining the boycott nearly every day.

SAM WHEELER, A CONFUSED ??????

Sam Wheeler, a house-negro and a Charlie McCarthy for the Wonder Bread-Hostess firm, says only what the company wants him to say. If he was the one and only Negro working for Wonder-Hostess, he would still say the company was not discriminating against blacks. If you had ever experienced talking with him, you would only draw the conclusion that he is a very confused and screwed-up fellow. As an example of what the Wonder Bread-Hostess officials think of their "Charlie McCarthy" Sam: At the company, he doesn't have an office. Why - the company has not seen fit to even furnish him space in a dark corner with a desk and telephone. Yet, the company gives him two titles - Public Relations Director and Marketing Expert. What white employee, can you imagine, would allow himself to be used in this fashion and not have a place to put his butt? These titles were a gift to him with the purpose of misleading the public, both the black and white community. Remember, all "Sad Sam" knows is basketball. Take basketball from him, he is completely lost. The Wonder-Hostess officials recognized that, which is the only reason for hiring him. There weren't enough Jackie Robinsons to go around, so the company got what was left. I'm sure the company realizes that particular mistake now. All large companies like to hire themselves a Court-Jester (a clown) or an entertainer - a morale booster, for the purpose of making their white workers laugh while they're producing for the company. "Sad Sam" has served this purpose well. Sam became so confused that he and a few Uncle Tom drivers forgot to tell the public the truth about their salaries. The truth of the matter is that all driver-salesmen are guaranteed \$137.50 per week, whether they sell one loaf of bread or not. On the bread that is sold, they receive additional commission. Therefore, most bread drivers' salaries are greater than \$137.50 per week. The boycott hurts only their commission, and "Sad Sam" or anyone else who says differently is lying!

DEMONSTRATIONS: ACTION appreciates the many stores that are supporting the boycott, thereby supporting fair employment. As we have promised, we shall not let you down. All merchants, who are carrying Wonder Bread or Hostess products, will be boycotted and picketed. ACTION has already conducted some picket-lines at stores and the product was removed. ACTION already has a list of stores to picket this week. You can further help by notifying us if your competitor is not boycotting.

CREDITABILITY: Remember, ACTION is THE WORK HORSE of the human rights movement in the country. Never before have you heard or witnessed a human rights organization that has performed with such high level degree of stick-to-it-ive-ness, consistency, and creativity. ACTION's know-how allows us, even though we're conducting the Wonder Bread-Hostess Boycott, to be flexible and mobile enough to still carry on campaigns against employment racial discriminatory practices against Blacks at McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Union Electric and Laclede Gas Company, plus other racist and unjust institutions.

ACTION is not just another civil rights organization that either drops out of the Struggle altogether, or takes a long vacation.

In closing, if you re-read the last letter sent you from this office, you will find that ACTION predicted, far in advance, the methods the Wonder-Hostess company would use in attempting to trick you. In case you have misplaced yours, enclosed is another copy. Check it out!

Yours in the Struggle,

George Johnson
Vice-Chairman Judge G. Johnson

P.S. Keep these letters for your records. Remember, the boycott could last at least a year - we must continue to have patience.

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On June 18, 1971, [redacted] furnished the following information which had come to his attention concerning the boycott of Wonder Bread and Hostess products by ACTION.

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On May 19, 1971, Wonder Bread and Hostess salesmen protested at ACTION Headquarters on North Newstead Street, St. Louis, stating that ACTION was unfair to Wonder salesmen, that ACTION was not telling the truth and asking ACTION personnel if there was a payoff.

On May 21, 1971, [redacted] was overheard by [redacted] telling a merchant that Wonder Bread had demoted a black sales manager.

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On May 21, 1971, [redacted] received a call at 3:15 PM from an unknown party threatening his life if he didn't stop messing around in this matter. He reported this to [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department.

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On May 26, 1971, [redacted] in behalf of ACTION passed out leaflets with [redacted] picture on it and stating that "This Nigger Loves His Whitey Bosses". These two were arrested at the Continental Baking Company passing out these leaflets.

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On May 31, 1971, [redacted] and [redacted] met with [redacted] and [redacted] of the Central City Food Inc., concerning the dispute between ACTION and Wonder Bread products with [redacted] and [redacted] being present. ACTION alleged that of 1800 employees of Continental Baking Company 75 were black while [redacted] of Continental Baking Company said there were 650 employees of which 202 were black. No agreement was reached and ACTION had asked Central City Foods to discontinue Continental Baking products.

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X James' Tomboy, was visited by [redacted] concerning the boycott of Wonder Bread products and [redacted] told

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[] that he would have to suffer the consequences. Shortly after this [] of Colonial Bakery told him he put Wonder Bread out because ACTION was doing a good job helping black people.

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On June 14, 1971, ACTION members protesting at ~~James' Tomboy Store~~ stating they supported white racism.

On June 14, 1971, the ~~Jo-Mo Liquor Store~~, who had previously discontinued Hostess products, resumed these products and on the night of June 15, 1971, a fire bomb was thrown into the store.

On June 16, 1971, 15 black salesmen of Wonder Bread Company went to the St. Louis Human Relations Council and filed individual complaints against ACTION for interfering with their making a decent living.

On June 17, 1971, ~~Gaines Market~~ had a brick thrown through their window with a note on it stating don't buy Wonder Bread products. At this time Mr. Wheeler made available the following:

A copy of leaflet "Don't Buy at this Store"

April 6, 1971 letter by ACTION to the Continental Baking Company.

Leaflet beginning Battle Plan #1

Statement by [] concerning an event on June 15, 1971, made to the Continental Baking Company

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A statement by [] Continental Baking Company driver, June 15, 1971; made to Continental Baking Company

A copy of a complaint filed by Continental Baking Company salesmen in the St. Louis Council on Human Relations June 16, 1971.

The above are as follows:

DON'T BUY at THIS STORE

UNCLE TOM-BOY

, make their MONEY on

Black people ----- but yet they REFUSE TO HELP BLACK

PEOPLE GET BETTER JOBS.

THE WONDER BREAD COMPANY. ---

DISCRIMINATES against Black people --- will not hire enough

Blacks --- will not up-grade Blacks. Yet, this store refuses

to STOP STOCKING Wonder Bread and Hostess Cakes in its store

until the Boycott is over.

This is living proof that this store is NOT interested in our

community, their only interest is taking - us - off (Cheating

Black people).

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Ed Long, President
Continental Baking
6301 N. Broadway
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

ACTION demands that Wonder Bread Company and Hostess
hire Blacks up to - and maintain at not less than -
forty - seven percent (47%) of its total work force
above sanitation; that all Blacks presently employed
be upgraded; and, that the company stop misleading
the community by false advertising.

George Johnson
Judge G. Johnson
Vice-Chairman ACTION

CC:

President, I.T.T.
Colonial
Taystee
Ward

Person City, Mo.
San Francisco, California
New York, New York

High Diplomat
Ontario, Canada

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BATTLE PLAN No. 1

Designed to Shake Up the White Man

LET THE AIR OUT OF THE TIRES OF ALL:

1. WONDER BREAD TRUCKS
2. Southwestern Bell Telephone Trucks
3. Laclède Gas Co. Trucks
4. Union Electric Co. Trucks
5. KREY PACKING CO. TRUCKS

These companies just will not give NEGRO HUSBANDS and FATHERS decent-PAYING JOBS to provide for their families.

Rec'd June 9th

A.C.T.I.O.N. Edu. Comm.

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On Tuesday afternoon June 15 1971, two members of the action organization went into [redacted] at 2501 N. Sprink.

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They did not purchase anything, they went over to the bread and checked it. After checking the bread rack they asked Mr. Henfuge for a small donation.

[redacted] gave the men a donation in currency (we do not know how much). Then the men left the store without mentioning the bread rack.

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This is what [redacted] told our R.H. Salesman [redacted]

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[redacted] of Joe's Foodland at [redacted] called me Tuesday evening about 5:30 p.m. and asked me to come and pick up my bread (Wonder products) because ACTION was there and asking him to take the bread off the rack. At first, [redacted] said no, then [redacted] took his bullhorn and went outside and told people on the street that Joe's Foodland was a white racist. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] or someone from colonial baking had been there several days ago, and told him that [redacted] had told him [redacted] no one had been sent to molest him. [redacted] upon believing [redacted] let wonder back in Monday morning. [redacted] also remarked to [redacted] that [redacted] had nothing to do with the situation at [redacted]

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STREET ADDRESS (see reverse side)

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ TELEPHONE _____

2. I WISH TO COMPLAIN AGAINST A.C.T.I.O.N

ADDRESS: 4154 North Newstead

CITY St. Louis ZIP CODE 63115 TELEPHONE 381-3572

(Use a separate form for each individual, company, union, employment agency, or place of public accommodation complained against.)

3. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WAS THE REASON FOR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT?

☒ Race or Color

☐ National Origin

Religion or Creed

Ancestry

EXPLAIN WHAT UNFAIR THING WAS DONE. Be specific. Include dates, names, places, addresses, etc. A short statement in your own words is enough but you may use additional sheets of paper if needed. If so, be sure to sign and date each additional sheet.

We, the undersigned individuals, charge A.C.T.I.O.N. with unfairly interfering with our employment as route salesmen for ITT/Continental Baking Company, makers of Wonder Bread and Hostess cupcakes. The boycott of Wonder Bread and Hostess Cupcake products, which is being conducted by the A.C.T.I.O.N. organization, has drastically reduced our income. Weekly earnings have decreased anywhere from \$20 to \$110 per person. The company's white drivers, with very few exceptions, have not been similarly effected because A.C.T.I.O.N.'s boycott does not extend to stores in white neighborhoods.

Thus, A.C.T.I.O.N.'s boycott, because it has, and is having, an adverse effect on the income of the black route salesmen, is in violation of the City's Fair Employment Practices Ordinance 51512.

(signatures on reverse side)

Your signature

State of Missouri)
City of St. Louis) SS

We, the undersigned, _____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the complainant herein; and that he/she had read this complaint, or had it read to him/her, and knows what is in it; and that the same is true of his/her own knowledge or belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June 1971

THIS COMPLAINT MUST BE SWORN TO
BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER
LEGALLY DESIGNATED OFFICIAL:

Seal and Signature of Notary Public
(or other Official)

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My commission expired.

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On June 19, 1971, the St. Louis FBI Office received by mail a letter from Kitty's Food Shop, 7374 Dale Avenue, Richmond Heights, Missouri, dated June 18, 1971, together with ACTION letters dated March 31, 1971 and June 15, 1971, copies of which are as follows:

~~KITTY'S FOOD SHOP~~
~~7374 Dale Avenue~~
~~Richmond Heights, Mo. 63117~~

June 18, 1971

Mr. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of two letters and envelope I received from A.C.T.I.O.N. to my place of business June 16, 1971. I feel that these letters are a threat to not only do bodily harm but to destroy my business if I don't cooperate as stated in the first and next to last paragraph of the letter addressed to Dear Merchant and dated March 31, 1971.

I feel that something should be done about this since I should not have to tolerate this type of threat as a business woman, an individual, a mother, or an American.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

KITTY'S FOOD SHOP

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Owner

Enclosures (3)

copy to

Federal Bureau of Investigation ✓
Governor Warren E. Hearnes
Mr. John C. Danforth, Attorney General
Colonel Robert J. di Grazia
Richmond Heights Police Department
ITT Continental Baking Co., Inc.

A BLACK-HUMANE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE...
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STRATEGIC REASONS:
DETECTION FROM THE
ENEMY

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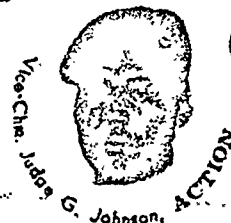
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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63115

(314) 381-3572

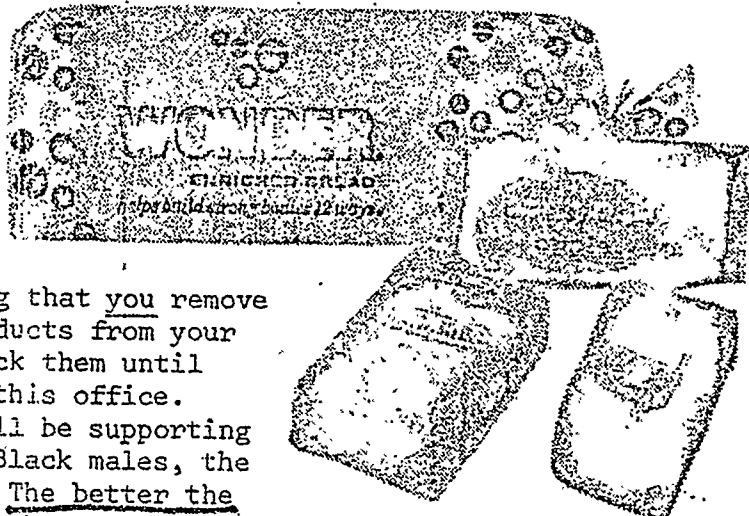
March 31, 1971

DON'T BUY!



Dear Merchant:

Just to inform you: as of this moment ACTION has called an all out boycott of Wonder Bread Products. We are hereby requesting that you remove all Wonder Bread products from your store and do not stock them until further notice from this office. Your co-operation will be supporting fair employment for Black males, the family breadwinner. The better the job for Black males, the larger your business will become - plus, a lesser chance of you becoming a robbery victim.



Of a total work force of approximately 1800 workers, in positions above sanitation, 75 are Black.

ACTION's demands made upon the Wonder Bread Company are:
that Blacks must be hired up to - and maintained at not less
than - forty-seven percent (47%) of their total work force above
sanitation; that all Blacks presently employed be upgraded; and,
that the company stop misleading the community by false
advertising. Just as Wonder Bread officials are now being
investigated by the U.S. government for lying to the public in
terms of false advertising - don't expect the company not to have
lied about their employment practices. Tell your Wonder Bread
delivery man, Black or white, that you won't be needing any more
bread until ACTION's demands are met. When demands are met,
ACTION will contact you.

Beware of the many tricks that Wonder Bread will attempt to
play on you - such as: getting a Negro (Uncle Tom) driver to cry
on your shoulder, claiming the boycott is hurting him and his
family. Ask him this question: what about those other Blacks who
are unemployed as a result of racial job discrimination? These
Blacks have families too! You must make that "Tom" see that we

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GEORGE G. JOHNSON
Vice-Chairman
N. MELVIN CARR
Chief Advisor
JOHN JONES
Recording Secretary
WILLIS KNIGHT
Corresponding Secretary
RIS GAMMON
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San Francisco, California
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Foreign Diplomat;
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all must make some small sacrifice for equal employment - that his individual family is no more important than yours or mine. If we can make a sacrifice, so can he! You dig, we, both Black and white, must start sticking together for what is right!.

Another point is this: your community will take pride in knowing that you are further supporting equal employment! Remember, too, that you're not really losing by supporting the Wonder Bread Boycott, because it can be replaced with a larger order of, Taystee, Colonial bread, etc. It would be helpful also to inform those persons who ask for Wonder Bread why you are not stocking it.

Special Note: ALL OTHER STORES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE NOT CO-OPERATING - WRITE THE NAME OF STORE AND ADDRESS ON THE ENCLOSED POST CARD - DROP IN MAIL BOX.

For those stores ACTION plans to picket and conduct a neighborhood boycott against them. ACTION is a direct (non-violent) action human rights organization, and does not deal in violent methods, such as bombing, sniper firing or the burning down of a building, by any stretch of the imagination. And, ACTION will not be responsible for whatever other actions might take place by some other element against those stores who refuse to co-operate.

In closing, ACTION has also called upon all rights and peace organizations in the country for support in the Wonder Bread boycott and to make similar local demands upon ITT Continental Baking Company.

Yours in Struggle,

George Johnson

Vice-Chairman Judge G. Johnson
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"speaks louder than words"
P. O. BOX 21313
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63115



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On June 17, 1971, [] Continental Baking Company, advised that 142 black employees would, on June 18, 1971, protest by petition to the St. Louis Council on Human Relations against ACTION and its boycott and tactics as unfair against Continental since there is no discrimination as alleged.

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On June 25, 1971, information concerning the
-above was discussed with Assistant United States
Attorney W. Francis Murrell who felt that at this time
no investigation was warranted under the Hobbs Act of
the Anti-Racketeering Statute. He did not feel prose-
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[REDACTED] furnished the Wonder Bread Company
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-19842) P
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[redacted] reliable advised on 3/30/65 that [redacted] of "ACTION", has indicated he would like to raise some sort of flag at the Federal Building in St. Louis protesting the United States intervention in Vietnam. Source advised there is no definite information available as yet concerning this activity except that [redacted] would like to do this some time during the last week of March or first week of April and it will be the Federal Building at 1520 Market Street if it is attempted.

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The date, hour of the day, and type of flag involved are not known at this time.

Local Police, Secret Service, Region VI-, 113th INTC Group, and GSA, Building and Regional Manager have been advised.

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St. Louis will keep in contact with the situation and keep the Bureau informed if this activity is attempted. In light of the lack of more specific information this information will not be included in a Letterhead Memorandum for dissemination at this time. Upon receipt of more definite information, full details will be prepared suitable for dissemination.

4 - Bureau (100-) (ACTION) (RM)
3 - (1-100-) (Demonstrations Protesting U.S. Intervention
St. Louis in Vietnam, Info. Concerning-
(1- [redacted] Internal Security)
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Special Agent in Charge

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(SL: 100-19842)

One copy has been designated for Bureau control file, in case captioned, Demonstrations Protesting U.S. Intervention in Vietnam.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date April 8, 1965

St. Louis airtel 3/31/65 indicated Action had plan to raise flag on top of federal building, St. Louis, Missouri, protesting U. S. intervention in Vietnam.

Action is newly formed Civil Rights group composed of former members of CORE in St. Louis.

Information in attached teletype being disseminated to Civil Rights Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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FBI ST LOUIS

10:55 AM 4-8-65 URGENT MEL

TO DIRECTOR /157-6-42/

FROM ST. LOUIS /100-19842/ 1 P

INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

ACTION, IS DASH C; RACIAL MATTERS.

RE ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

CAPTIONED ACTION, IS DASH C.

UNSUBS RAISED HOME DASH MADE FLAG AT FEDERAL BUILDING,
FIFTEEN TWENTY MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.
FLAG DISCOVERED AND REMOVED BY BUILDING GUARDS ONE THIRTY A.M.
THIS DATE. PRINTING ON FLAG READS QUOTE "ACTION DEMANDS FEDERAL
CONTROL OF ALABAMA" UNQUOTE.

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NO PRESS OR OTHER PUBLICITY HAS RESULTED DUE TO INCIDENT
APPROPRIATE LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Date: 4-8-65

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Via airtel airmail
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(157-6-42)~~
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-19842)
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Re SL airtel to Bureau, 3-31-65, under caption of ACTION, IS - C; and SL teletype to Bureau, 4-8-65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memo setting forth facts relating to the incident of a homemade flag being raised at the Federal Building, 1520 Market Street on 4-8-65.

For the Bureau's information, this flag and the original letter, contents of which are set out in the LHM, have been turned over to the St. Louis Office by the GSA building manager.

When original information was received on 3-30-65, indicating that such an attempt may be made, this was discussed with AUSA W. FRANCIS MURRELL, who advised that inasmuch as the property at 1520 Market Street, owned by the U. S. Government, is not a Government Reservation and the flagpole located in front of this building is in an area to which the public has unobstructed access at all times of the day or night, that he knew of no Federal violation involved in anyone raising a homemade flag on this flagpole.

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- 2 - St. Louis
 - (1 - 100-19842)
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The St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit; the Secret Service in St. Louis; and the VI Region, 113th Military Intelligence Unit have been informed of this incident and copies of this LHM have been disseminated to the Secret Service and to the St. Louis Police Department. No dissemination was made to the Military Intelligence Unit or to GSA as they considered notification received sufficient.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri

April 8, 1965

ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES
(ACTION)

On April 8, 1965, [REDACTED] General Services Administration (GSA), Building Manager of the U. S. Federal Building at 1520 Market Street, in St. Louis, Missouri, advised that at 1:30 am this date, GSA guard [REDACTED] and guard [REDACTED] on their regular tour of duty, discovered a homemade flag flying from the flagpole located in front of this building. This flag had been raised apparently sometime after 12:00 midnight. The flag was immediately removed from the flagpole by the guards. The individuals who had raised the flag had also placed a light chain around the flagpole and had secured it with a padlock in attempt to prevent the removal of the flag. The guards cut the chain and removed it and the lock together with the flag. Also attached to the chain and lanyard was an envelope containing a letter. b6 b7C

The flag consisted of a white 72 by 108 inch bedsheet on which was hand printed in black letters the following:
"ACTION DEMANDS FEDERAL CONTROL OF ALABAMA".

The envelope and letter were handwritten on stationery of A C T I O N, P. O. Box 21313, St. Louis, Missouri 63115. The letters A C T I O N on the letterhead spell out the following:
* Action Committee To Increase Opportunities for Negroes. The letter is dated April 8, 1965, and contains the following message:

"The Purpose of the Flag is:

- 1 - To alert St. Louis to the pressing necessity of Martial Law in Alabama.

PROPERTY OF FBI
This communication and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside of the agency to which loaned.

ENCLOSURE

Re: ACTION

"2 - To alert St. Louis to the all out Boycott against Alabama and Mississippi.

"ACTION concludes that there are no Innocents in Alabama and Mississippi who will suffer under a Boycott. How can there be Innocents when they continue to see the injustices and inhumane activities of mob rule existing in a democratic state and maintain closed lips and protest behind closed doors. These Innocent Alabamian's must be so Few that they likewise, cry for liberation under Martial Law and would condone a nation-wide Boycott."

It is signed, "ACTION Chr. [redacted]"

According to [redacted] apparently the individual or individuals who were responsible for raising the flag had subsequently contacted the local St. Louis newspapers, because his office has received calls this date from the newspapers inquiring if they had noticed any kind of an unusual flag flying from the flagpole at 1520 Market Street. [redacted] advised that not wishing to give any publicity to this incident, the newspapers were advised by him that when he arrived at his office this morning, the only flag flying from the flagpole in front of this building was the United States flag.

The organization "ACTION" is a dissident group comprised of individuals formerly members of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) in St. Louis. This group is headed by one [redacted] and recently broke away from CORE because they b6 felt that CORE was not involving itself sufficiently in racial b7c activities in the St. Louis area and that it was not militant enough in its actions.

Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office ST. LOUIS	Office of Origin ST. LOUIS	Date 5/27/65	Investigative Period 5/10-25/65
TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES (ACTION)		Report made by RICHARD T. HRADSKY	Typed By gmr
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C	

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LEADS:

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will follow and report activities of the organization in six months.

INFORMANTS:

IDENTITY

SL T-1 is

SL T-2 is

Original cannot be located and is not on record. When original is received in Records Branch, it will be filed either with this copy or may be given a new serial. 4/27/66 213

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much as it contains information obtained from confidential
informants SL T-1 through SL T-10, the identification of
which could compromise their future effectiveness.

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Report of: RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Date: 5/27/65

Office: ST. LOUIS

Field Office File No.:

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION COMMITTEE TO
INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES (ACTION)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) formed by dissident group from St. Louis Chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Its purpose was announced as concerning itself with implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; improvement of living conditions in Negro neighborhoods; and improvement of job opportunities for Negroes. It was announced as a direct action organization that would be in the streets to force compliance with its goals. ACTION meets at [redacted] St. Louis, Mo., the home of [redacted] Names of officers set forth. ORVIL LEACH, group leader, Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, attends meetings and assists in raising funds. Activities of organization set out.

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DETAILS: At St. Louis, Missouri

This investigation is predicated on information obtained from SL T-1, who advised on January 15, 1965, that a meeting of a newly formed organization known as Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) was held at [] St. Louis, Missouri, on January 10, 1965. SL T-1 stated that the organization was headed by []

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[] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and that at this meeting [] explained that ACTION was formed as a shock section of CORE; that some CORE members felt a group should be formed to expedite action on certain matters that CORE was not doing anything about. Informant said [] stated that no dues would be charged but that donations would be accepted and that a fund-raising drive would be held.

FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper captioned "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here," which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality, and it quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets," to force compliance with the organization's goals. GREEN identified the officers of ACTION as follows:

PERCY GREEN	Chairman
JAMES FEELY	Vice Chairman
Mrs. CLARA MOORE	Recording Secretary
Miss BETTI RUFFIN	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. MABLE B. CURTIS	Treasurer

GREEN was also reported as stating that a fund-raising campaign was under way and that ACTION would sponsor an educational program so Negroes would understand what rights were obtained for them by the Civil Rights Act and would make periodic tests of the Public Accommodations section of the law; that ACTION would make sure the City of St. Louis maintains streets and alleys and would alert the city to the landlords' violations of the Minimum Housing Standards Ordinance.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke

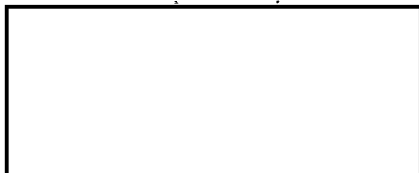
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away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of PERCY GREEN during an election in CORE, held in October, 1964, when GREEN ran for chairman.

OFFICERS OF ACTION

On May 10, 1965, SL T-1 advised that the following individuals were officers of ACTION:



Chairman
Vice Chairman
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Recording Secretary

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HEADQUARTERS

On May 10, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION does not have a permanent residence headquarters but meets at [] St. Louis, Missouri, the home of [] of ACTION.

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ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On December 10, 1964, SL T-2 advised that at a Communist Party (CP) of Missouri meeting held on December 5, 1964, at [] St. Louis, Missouri, ORVIL LEACH, group leader, Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, announced that a split had occurred in the St. Louis Chapter of CORE which was led by [] of CORE, and that [] was [] that LEACH stated that he and [] would attend group meetings of both factions, when possible, as he felt that [] group would not receive recognition from the national office of CORE and that the rebels would have to eventually return to the original CORE Chapter or form some other group.

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On December 2, 1964, SL T-3 advised that on November 20, 1964, ORVIL LEACH, CP of Missouri member, stated in regard to a split that had occurred in the St. Louis Chapter of CORE that he believed that he could arrange a conference between [] and the W. E. B. DuBois Club organizer in St. Louis to determine how [] felt about joining the DuBois Club.

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A characterization of the W. E. B. DuBois Club is in the appendix of this report.

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On January 6, 1965, SL T-4 advised that on December 27, 1964, [] of CORE; ORVIL LEACH, a member of the CP of Missouri and a CORE member; and [] of the W. E. B. DuBois Club had a conference at [] St. Louis, Missouri; that [] gave a summary of what was going on in his new club, which he called ACTION, and [] asked [] if he had received any information on whether or not ACTION would be able to affiliate with the regular national CORE organization. [] answered that he had not heard from anyone on this matter.

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On January 12, 1965, SL T-2 advised that on January 3, 1965, a meeting of ACTION members was held at [] St. Louis, Missouri; that approximately twenty persons were present, among whom were ORVIL LEACH and [] CP of Missouri members, who are active in the group called ACTION; that the meeting was chaired by [] Informant said raffle tickets were distributed to those present to sell for 50¢ each. The winner will receive \$50. [] pointed out that the money was badly needed for operating expenses.

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On January 15, 1965, SL T-10 advised that on January 6, 1965, ORVIL LEACH, CP of Missouri member, stated that the CP of Missouri had transferred its interest from the regular CORE organization in St. Louis to a new group calling itself ACTION. He stated that he was now a member of ACTION, which was a dissident group composed of former CORE members.

On January 18, 1965, SL T-1 advised that on January 17, 1965, a meeting of ACTION was held at [] St. Louis, Missouri; that discussion was held on what action might be taken against the City of Wellston, Wellston, Missouri, which had denied a business license to an individual who had been accused of receiving stolen property; that additional discussion was conducted, planning some harassment of City of St. Louis department stores and businesses to point up opposition to their handling products made in the state of Mississippi; that this was to be done to aid in any boycott that might be organized. Informant advised that plans for raising funds for ACTION were discussed and that it was announced that freedom stamps were being sold and that donations were being solicited.

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On January 29, 1965, SL T-1 advised that at an ACTION group meeting held on January 16, 1965, at [] [] St. Louis, Missouri, [] distributed []

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to members a sheet listing the types of members in the ACTION group, which were as follows:

1. An honorary friend of ACTION is a person who contributes financially to ACTION but does not participate in demonstrations, tests, or meetings. (No voting power.)
2. A friend of ACTION shall be a person who participates in demonstrations, tests, and meetings and who supports ACTION activities, but does not desire to become a member. (No voting power.)
3. An inactive member of ACTION is a person who has functioned as a member at one time but has ceased to carry on membership activities for one month. He may regain membership status after one month's probation. (No voting power.)
4. A probate member of ACTION shall be a person seeking membership who has not completed all the qualifications for membership. (Vote in committee only.)
5. An active member of ACTION (a) Works efficiently on a committee and attends committee meetings regularly; (b) Participates and supports all ACTION projects in some phase; and (c) Must continue after the probation period to remain active in the work of the group. (Voting power.)

On January 29, 1965, SL T-1 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held at [] St. Louis, Missouri, on January 20, 1965, and that the chairman of the St. Louis Chapter of the W. E. B. DuBois Club was present; that he distributed literature pertaining to the DuBois Club to those present.

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On January 20, 1965, SL T-5 advised that on January 17, 1965, at a meeting of St. Louis Freedom of the Press Committee (SLFPC) held at [] St. Louis, Missouri, a SLFPC member offered for sale tickets costing 50¢, which were for a raffle in which the ticket holder could win a prize of \$50; that this member stated that these tickets were to raise money for a new group that was called ACTION.

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A characterization of the SLFPC is in the appendix of this report.

On February 8, 1965, SL T-6 advised that a dissident group of members of the St. Louis Chapter of CORE, under

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the leadership of [] of CORE, were planning a sympathy march and planned to picket the U. S. Courthouse, Twelfth and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 8, 1965, in protest against Negro registration practice in Alabama and Mississippi; that they planned to request an audience with a U. S. District Judge and, also, planned to picket at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, where U. S. Senators ROMAN HRUSKA of Nebraska and JOHN STENNIS of Mississippi were registered.

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On February 8, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that five members of ACTION appeared at the U. S. Courthouse on that date at 12:30 p.m. but did not conduct any picketing; that they went to the office of the U. S. Attorney to confer with him. Lieutenant [] further advised that at about 7:00 p.m. an estimated 35 - 40 ACTION pickets, composed of both ACTION and regular CORE members, marched at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, where U. S. Senators HRUSKA and STENNIS were addressing a meeting of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce; that they marched until approximately 8:15 p.m. and then dispersed; that there were no incidents or arrests.

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On February 4, 1965, SL T-2 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held on January 24, 1965, at [] St. Louis, Missouri, the home of [] of ACTION; that ORVIL LEACH, group leader of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, was in attendance; and that he stated that he was present at the meeting to turn in some money he had obtained by selling tickets to a raffle sponsored as a fund-raising activity by ACTION; that he had received these tickets at an earlier ACTION meeting. Informant said LEACH explained that the ACTION group was created as a result of a split in the St. Louis Chapter of CORE. Informant said the meeting was presided over by [] and that the main discussion concerned boycotting merchandise manufactured in the state of Mississippi; that it was agreed that members would order large amounts of furniture from local department stores and when the furniture was delivered, the driver would be told that it had been discovered that the furniture was manufactured in Mississippi and it, therefore, cannot be accepted because the state of Mississippi denies the Negro the right to vote. Informant said the results of this plan were to be reported at the next meeting.

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On March 30, 1965, SL T-7 advised that [] of ACTION, had indicated that he would like to

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raise some type of flag at the Federal Building in St. Louis, protesting the U. S. intervention in Viet Nam; that [] had not indicated a definite date but stated that he would like to do this sometime during the last week of March or the first week of April, 1965; and that it could be done at the Federal Building, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, if it is attempted.

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On April 8, 1965, [] General Services Administration (GSA), Building Manager, Federal Building, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that at about 1:30 a.m., April 8, 1965, GSA guards on their regular tour of duty discovered a home-made flag flying from the flag pole located in front of this building; that the flag had been raised apparently sometime after Midnight. He said the flag was immediately removed from the flag pole by the guards and that it was noted that the individuals who had raised the flag had also placed a light chain around the flag pole and had secured it with a padlock in an attempt to prevent the removal of the flag; that the guards cut the chain and removed it and the lock, together with the flag. Also attached to the chain was an envelope containing a letter. He said the flag was a 72" x 108" white bed sheet, on which was handprinted in black letters the following: "ACTION demands federal control of Alabama." The envelope and letter were handwritten on stationery of ACTION, and the letter was dated April 8, 1965. It contained the following message:

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"The purpose of the flag is:

- "1. To alert St. Louis to the pressing necessity of martial law in Alabama.
- "2. To alert St. Louis to the all-out boycott against Alabama and Mississippi.

"ACTION concludes that there are no innocents in Alabama and Mississippi who will suffer under a boycott. How can there be innocents when they continue to see the injustice and inhumane activities of mob rule existing in a democratic state and maintain closed lips and protest behind closed doors. These innocent Alabamians must be so few that they likewise, cry for liberation under martial law and would condone a nationwide boycott."

The letter is signed "ACTION Chr []"

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[] stated that the individual or individuals who were responsible for raising the flag had subsequently contacted local St. Louis newspapers, because his office had received calls on April 8, 1965, from local newspapers, inquiring if any kind of an unusual flag had been noted flying from the flag pole at 1520 Market Street. He stated that he informed the newspapers that when he arrived at his office the only flag flying from the flag pole in front of the building was the U. S. flag.

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On April 28, 1965, SL T-7 advised that [] of ACTION, had on that date contacted [] of the W. E. B. DuBois Club, and requested that [] be at a picket line that ACTION was going to set up at the headquarters of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, 1010 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Informant said [] planned to provoke the St. Louis Police Department into arresting him on that date, as he told [] that he would talk to him at the picket line, but if he did not see him there, he would talk to him after [] release from jail.

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On April 23, 1965, SL T-8 advised that [] of ACTION, had prepared a leaflet which calls for picketing of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 26, 1965, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.; that a meeting would be held on Sunday, April 25, 1965, to prepare final plans for this picketing. Informant said the complaint of ACTION is that insufficient Negroes were employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, together with a demand that additional Negroes be hired and trained on the job. Informant said the leaflet prepared by ACTION also includes possible future picketing against all public utilities, including gas and electric; against the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation; against the Gateway Arch Memorial, St. Louis; and against the new stadium being built in St. Louis.

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On April 26, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that six individuals representing ACTION picketed the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 1965; that there were no incidents.

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On April 27, 1965, SL T-9 advised that [] had met with officials of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company during the above picketing, demanding that this company have in their employ a total of 600 Negroes; that this would include the Negroes currently in the employ of

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Informant stated that the action taken by [] and his group in picketing the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was not backed by the St. Louis Chapter of CORE.

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The April 27, 1965, issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch contains an article stating that more than 560 Negroes hold jobs in 34 categories at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; that this is compared to 400 such positions in twelve categories 18 months ago. This was announced by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 27, 1965. According to this article, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been meeting regularly with not only Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, but also other firms in the St. Louis area, and there has been a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding on job opportunities. The article states that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will continue to hire and promote qualified Negroes.

Picketing of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was conducted by ACTION on April 27-30, 1965, inclusive; May 3-6, 1965, inclusive; May 10-14, 1965, inclusive; and May 18, 1965.

On April 28, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that eleven individuals picketed the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for approximately fifteen minutes, from 4:55 p.m. to 5:10 p.m., on April 28, 1965, at which time they attempted to obstruct traffic in front of the company offices at 1010 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In attempting to obstruct traffic, [] and another ACTION member laid down in the street in front of traffic. Lieutenant [] said both were arrested by the St. Louis Police Department and charged with general peace disturbance and obstructing traffic.

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On May 12, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that five pickets appeared at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at approximately 4:00 p.m. and, after very brief picketing, went to the Laclede Gas Company at 1017 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where one of the pickets chained the doors of the Laclede Gas Company closed. Upon arrival of the police, two of the demonstrators laid down in the street, blocking traffic. Both were arrested, at which time the remaining three pickets left the Laclede Gas Company and returned to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, where they picketed without incident until 6:00 p.m. Lieutenant [] advised that those

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arrested identified themselves as [] Negro male, age [] St. Louis, Missouri, and [] Negro, male, age [] St. Louis, Missouri. They were charged with obstructing traffic and peace disturbance.

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On May 19, 1965, Cadet [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that there was no picketing by ACTION at either the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company or the Laclede Gas Company on that date.

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On May 20, 1965, SL T-6 advised that ACTION did not picket on May 19, 1965, since a strategy meeting had been held in view of the fact that no support was being given to them. Informant stated that [] of ACTION, was reportedly seeking recruits for his organization to assist in picketing or he would seek assistance from other organizations; that on some dates only two pickets have been showing up.

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The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of ACTION. This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of Communist infiltration, domination, and/or control.

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ST. LOUIS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE

On October 29, 1951, a source advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee was organized in St. Louis in the fall of 1951 for the purpose of increasing the circulation of "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker".

On March 8, 1954, [REDACTED]

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in March, 1954, advised that the principal activities of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area at that time were concentrated in various front organizations of which the Freedom of the Press Committee was one.

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In May, 1964, a second source advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee is one of the front organizations in the St. Louis area in which the activity of the Communist Party is concentrated; that the Committee's purpose continues to be distribution of "The Worker"; and that the organization has been continuously under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party in the St. Louis, Missouri area since he became acquainted with it in 1955.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including National Functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist oriented youth organization which would bent for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963 for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

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The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals or if five or more people so desire a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

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② ACTION. W.E.B. DUBOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA. RACIAL MATTERS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT A RALLY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT PRUITT-IGOE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO., EVENING OF AUGUST 18 INSTANT. RALLY SPONSORED BY ACTION AND DCA. PURPOSE IS TO PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY AND TO SOLICIT VOLUNTEERS TO FORM GROUPS WHO WILL AGREE TO REPORT ON MISCONDUCT OF POLICE. SIMILAR RALLY TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 19 OR 20 IN VICINITY OF EASTON AND GRAND AVENUES IN ST. LOUIS. PRUITT-IGOE DEVELOPMENT AND VICINITY OF GRAND AND EASTON ARE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS.

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a rally is scheduled to be held on the evening of August 18, 1965 at the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development, 2407 O'Fallon, a predominantly Negro housing development in the City of St. Louis. This rally is being sponsored by ACTION, which is a dissident group that has broken away from the Committee On Racial Equality and is headed by one [redacted] its spokesman, and the W.E.B. DuBois Club of St. Louis, a characterization of which is attached hereto. *St. Louis, MO* *MO.* *Folk* *Active*

This source indicates that the purpose of this rally is to enable [redacted] to register protests against alleged police brutality by the St. Louis Police Department. It is [redacted] intention to solicit volunteers who will be willing to form groups whose duty it will be to observe police activities and to report any incidents indicating misconduct on the part of individual police officers in connection with carrying out their official duties.

It is also contemplated that these two groups may hold a similar rally on August 19 or 20, 1965, in the vicinity of Grand Boulevard and Easton Avenue in the City of St. Louis, which is a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

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ST. LOUIS CLUB

A source has advised that a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Missouri attended a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization, and plan for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964. The expenses for this trip, as well as the expenses of two delegates to the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) held from June 19th to 21st, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco, California, were paid for by the CP of Missouri.

A second source has advised that the organizing of a DCA Club in St. Louis was done at the direction and financial assistance of the CP of Missouri. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, National CP Organizational Director; and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, member of the National CP Committee, while in St. Louis have met with members of the St. Louis DCA Club to discuss its status and activities.

The second source also advised that approximately twelve young people met on March 7, 1965, in St. Louis, and organized the DCA St. Louis Club. They elected officers and executed an application for a charter and membership in the National DCA. Two of the elected officers of the St. Louis Club are members of the CP of Missouri.

Since its inception, the St. Louis Club DCA has been under the complete influence, domination and control of the Missouri CP.

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11-40 PM URGENT 8-18-65

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TO DIRECTOR /457-5-42/

FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

RE ACTION, W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA.

RE SL RADIOGRAM AND AIRTEL DATED 8-17-65. ^{3x1}_{3x2}

RALLY HELD BY CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AT PRUIT-IGOE

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THIS DATE FROM SIX FORTYFIVE TO EIGHT
THIRTY PM. THIRTY FIVE INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED.

AFFAIR WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

NEXT RALLY NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST TWENTY NEXT.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED COVERING BOTH ACTIVITIES.

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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1024PM URGENT 8/20/65 TED

TO DIRECTOR (157-6-42)

FROM ST. LOUIS [redacted]

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ACTION; W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA. RM.

RE ST. LOUIS ARITEL TO BUREAU AUG. SEVENTEEN LAST AND ST. LOUIS
TEL AUG. EIGHTEEN LAST. ^{en 4}

CAPTIONED ORGANIZATIONS HELD RALLY AT GRAND AND GARFIELD FROM
SEVEN PM TO NINE PM TONIGHT. ABOUT FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS GATHERED
TO HEAR TALKS. NO INCIDENTS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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REQ. REC'D 9/29/66

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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

Att.: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

Subject: ACTION

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Re St. Louis radiogram, airtel and letterhead memorandum 8-17-65 and St. Louis teletypes 8-18&20-65.

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Source 1 is [redacted] by request.

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Source 2 is [redacted]

letterhead memorandum was reproduced. (By request)

Source 3 is [redacted]

The letterhead memorandum was classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by confidential sources of continuing value, whose identity if revealed, could identify them and effect their future effectiveness.

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- 1 - SL [redacted] (Action)
- 1 - SL 100-19453 (DCA)
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AGENCY: G-2, ONI, OSI

Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Saint Louis, Missouri
August 23, 1965

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ACTION
W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Reference St. Louis memorandum dated August 17, 1965.

Source one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 18, 1965 that individuals identifying themselves as connected with the groups known as ACTION, a dissident group that split away from the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) in St. Louis, led by one [redacted] and the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (a characterization of which is hereto attached), sponsored a rally at the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development, Jefferson and Cass Avenues, in St. Louis, Missouri. About 35 individuals, mostly youths, gathered and listened to remarks demanding a stop to police brutality. The rally lasted from 6:45 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. It disbanded without incident.

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This source further advised on August 20, 1965 that the above groups held a second rally on August 20, 1965 at Grand Boulevard and Garfield Street in St. Louis. Although handbills had been circulated around this neighborhood earlier in the day, and one of the ACTION members put on an act of lying in the street with his hands handcuffed behind him and doused with catsup from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., only about 15 individuals stopped to listen to what was being said. The rally was called off after this time. There were no incidents created.

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ACTION; DCA

Source two, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, on August 19, 1965 made available a copy of the handbill above referred to (a copy of which is attached). This source stated that the typewritten portion was done by Orville Leach and the printed portion was done by [REDACTED]

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Source three, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 23, 1965 that the two above-described rallies were very unsuccessful. Cards handed out asking for names and addresses of individuals who are willing to take part in the "Freedom Patrols", were signed by only a very few individuals. This source identified Orville Leach as a member of the Industrial Area of the Communist Party (CP) in St. Louis, and [REDACTED] as a young female whose residence is in New York City, that the CP sent to St. Louis as a part of a CP youth summer project designed to get a CP youth organization started here.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (100-443956)

Att.: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

Subject: ACTION
W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Re St. Louis airtel 8-23-65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Source 1 in the attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity is to be protected.

Source 2 is [redacted]

The letterhead memorandum was classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information furnished by confidential sources of continuing value, whose identity if revealed, could identify them and effect their future effectiveness.

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RAO: ASD:ALD, SS.

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HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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Saint Louis, Missouri
August 26, 1965

ACTION
W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Reference St. Louis memorandum dated August 23,
1965.

Source one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 26, 1965 that on August 25, 1965 groups known as ACTION, a dissident group that split away from the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) in St. Louis, [redacted] and the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (a characterization of which is hereto attached), [redacted], sponsored a rally at Jefferson and Dickson Street in St. Louis, Missouri. This location is in the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development area which is predominantly all Negro. Source related that this rally started at approximately 7:30 P.M. and lasted for approximately one hour. The rally insofar as attracting attention was a failure in that only approximately eight adult individuals stopped to see what was taking place. There was a large number of very small children who congregated for a time and observed the individuals holding the rally. The theme of the rally as portrayed by placards was in protest of alleged police brutality. The group disbanded without incident. There were no arrests.

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Source one identified [redacted]

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and a member of the Communist Party in St. Louis, Missouri.

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SLIP(S) OF [redacted]

DATE 5/4/78

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Source two, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, stated that the ACTION and DCA groups prepared a leaflet which read:

"Come hear what you, your friends and neighbors
can do . . . Come hear what is already being
done.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Jefferson and Dickson

"Sponsors:

ACTION

DU BOIS CLUB"

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA
ST. LOUIS CLUB

A source has advised that a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Missouri attended a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization, and plan for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964. The expenses for this trip, as well as the expenses of two delegates to the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) held from June 19th to 21st, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco, California, were paid for by the CP of Missouri.

A second source has advised that the organizing of a DCA Club in St. Louis was done at the direction and financial assistance of the CP of Missouri. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, National CP Organizational Director; and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, member of the National CP Committee, while in St. Louis have met with members of the St. Louis DCA Club to discuss its status and activities.

The second source also advised that approximately twelve young people met on March 7, 1965, in St. Louis, and organized the DCA St. Louis Club. They elected officers and executed an application for a charter and membership in the National DCA. Two of the elected officers of the St. Louis Club are members of the CP of Missouri.

Since its inception, the St. Louis Club DCA has been under the complete influence, domination and control of the Missouri CP.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including National Functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963 for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful co-existence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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COPS WILL NEGRO YOUTH - HOW MANY MORE MUST DIE!

Seventeen year old Melvin Gravens was handcuffed and then
gunned down in cold blood by Patrolman Rommel at the Lucas Street
police station. How many young people do you know who have been
threatened, whipped or arrested for no reason by Negro-hating Cops?
You could be next. Let's smash police brutality now!

We need jobs. We need decent neighborhoods - We need good schools,
but all we receive from the politicians is more brutal cops.

What can we do?

1. Join freedom patrols to defend our neighborhood
from police brutality!
2. Join the fight for a citizens review board which
can control killer cops!

COME! SEE AND HEAR HOW POLICE
BEAT AND ABUSE NEGRO PEOPLE!

COME! LET'S STOP THEM!

TIME: 7:00 FRIDAY NIGHT

PLACE: GRAND AND GARFIELD

SPONSORS: A.C.T.I.O.N.

DUBOIS CLUB
1910 N. GRAND

TRUE COPY

September 12, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

In the records of your department, do
you find the group known as "ACTION" to be communistic?

Any information relating to this organization
would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

/s/

[redacted]
Lindenwood College
St. Charles, Missouri

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CORRESPONDENCE

September 12, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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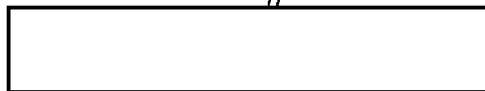
Any information relating
to this organization would be
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Thank you.

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Kindest regards,



Lindenwood College
St. Charles, Missouri

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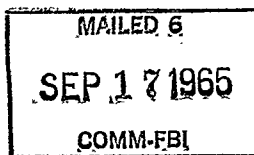
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Lindenwood College
St. Charles, Missouri

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated September 12th has been received.

In response to your request regarding ACTION, information in FBI files is ~~confidential~~, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Furthermore, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles on the basis of information furnished. She may be making reference to ACTION (Action Committee To Increase Opportunities For Negroes), a group formed earlier this year composed of former members of CORE in St. Louis, Missouri. This group is subject of Bufile [redacted]
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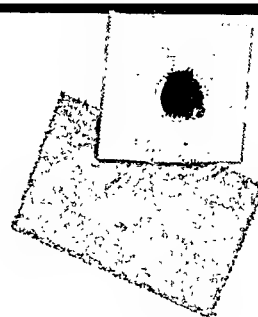
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REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 11/26/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/16 - 23/65
TITLE OF CASE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES (ACTION)		REPORT MADE BY RICHARD T. HRADSKY	TYPED BY rc
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C	

REFERENCE: St. Louis report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY, 5/27/65.

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LEAD:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will follow and report activities of the organization in six months.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as it contains information obtained from confidential informants SL T-1 through SL T-11, the identification of which could compromise their future effectiveness.

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BY: JBL MAB
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Report of: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Date: November 26, 1965

Office: ST. LOUIS

Field Office File #: SL [REDACTED]

Bureau File #: 100-443956

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION COMMITTEE TO
INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES (ACTION)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) has headquarters at 2906 N. Union Ave., St. Louis, Mo. ACTION group discussed at CP of Mo. meetings following the reading of a letter from GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP-USA, that all local CP groups give careful attention to youth groups. ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, Industrial Area, CP of Mo., active in ACTION and encourages cooperation between ACTION and St. Louis Chapter, W.E.B. DuBois Club. ACTION conducted campaign against SLPD for alleged police brutality. Picketed public utilities, SL, in protest against alleged discriminatory hiring practices.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of Communist infiltration, domination, and/or control.

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

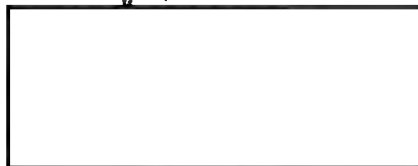
On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper captioned "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the [] during an election in CORE held in October, 1964, when []

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II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

On November 23, 1965, SL T-1 advised that the following individuals were the current officers of ACTION:



Chairman
Vice Chairman
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Recording Secretary

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III. HEADQUARTERS

On November 23, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION had secured a permanent headquarters located at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On May 14, 1965, SL T-2 advised that on May 8, 1965, a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) of Missouri was held at the home of ~~HERSHEL WALKER~~, Chairman of the CP of Missouri; ~~MD~~ that ~~DANIEL RUBIN~~, a functionary of the National Office, CP-USA, was present and that during the meeting, RUBIN stated that he wanted to know how the Negro movement in St. Louis was progressing, and that ~~ORVILLE LEACH~~, Group Leader, CP of Missouri

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Industrial Area, reported to him on the activities of ACTION. ~~(U)~~

On May 25, 1965, SL T-3 advised that DANIEL RUBIN, CP-USA National functionary; WILLIAM "RED" DAVIS, Industrial Area Leader, CP of Missouri; HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri; and [] members of the St. Louis Chapter, W.E.B. DuBois Club, met on May 11, 1965, at [] home to give RUBIN a complete summary of the past activities of the DuBois Club and that during the meeting, [] stated that he and [] planned to work on fair housing as their summer project; that RUBIN stated that while he thought unemployment would be a better project, it did not matter as long as the DuBois Club members had a good relationship with other groups working on projects; that [] stated that the DuBois Club had a good working relationship with ACTION.

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The W. E. B. DuBois Club is characterized in the attached appendix.

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On July 15, 1965, SL T-4 advised that a group meeting of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, was held on June 20, 1965, at the home of [] CP of Missouri, and that ORVIL LEACH was Chairman of the meeting; that he reported to this group on his work with ACTION and its activities. ~~(U)~~

On July 15, 1965, SL T-3 advised that on June 27, 1965, a meeting of ACTION was held at [] St. Louis, Missouri; that the first item on the agenda was discussion of further picketing at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; that it was decided that additional picketing should be conducted, but that it would require more people on the picket lines to be effective. ~~(U)~~

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On July 15, 1965, SL T-4 advised that a group meeting of the CP of Missouri Industrial Area was held on July 14, 1965, at the home of [] CP of Missouri; that ORVIL LEACH was Chairman of the meeting and that he reported on the activities of ACTION in picketing the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and on police brutality. ~~(U)~~

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On August 3, 1965, SL T-5 advised that at a lawn party sponsored by the St. Louis Freedom of the Press Committee

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(SLFPC) on July 24, 1965, at [] St. Louis, Missouri, ORVIL LEACH was present and invited ~~ELLIOTT WAXMAN~~, Press Director of the CP of Missouri, to attend ACTION meetings; that WAXMAN said he would have to decline as his presence might harm ACTION, especially if the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" newspaper learned of it as he is identified as the Press Director of the CP of Missouri in articles the newspaper publishes about him. Informant said LEACH stated he could not harm ACTION any more than it has been because it is reputed to be as Communistic as the DuBois Club is supposed to be.

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A characterization of the SLFPC is in the appendix of this report.

On August 3, 1965, SL T-6 advised that a meeting of the CP of Missouri State Committee was held on July 31, 1965, at [] St. Louis, Missouri; that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, announced that ORVIL LEACH was present at his invitation to report on his work with youth. Informant said [] opened the meeting by reading a letter by GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP-USA, in which HALL advised all local CP groups to give careful attention to youth and to carefully analyze youth work; that LEACH stated that it was his belief that the CP of Missouri should give more of its attention to the ACTION group; that he believed it was more advanced than any other civil rights group in St. Louis; that the group was not anti-Communist and would permit CP members to be ACTION members as long as they followed the program of the organization. Informant said LEACH stated that ACTION would work with the DuBois Club on any project and that the DuBois Club would work with ACTION projects. Informant said that LEACH stated that he felt that the CP of Missouri could give some financial assistance to ACTION and also assign some other person to work in ACTION with him; that [] said that it would be impossible for the CP of Missouri to take on the financial responsibility of the ACTION group; that HERSHEL WALKER agreed with [] on the question of financing ACTION, but said that a member of the CP of Missouri State Committee would be a good person to work in ACTION if he could find the time.

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On August 9, 1965, SL T-7 advised that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, mentioned that on July 27, 1965, he had attended a meeting sponsored by ACTION at which the mother of a Negro youth who had been shot by St. Louis Police was present; that WALKER stated that the meeting was expected to be small, but that the meeting room was so filled there was hardly any standing room. Informant stated that WALKER said that as a result of the meeting there was to be a demonstration in front of the Ninth District Police Station, St. Louis Police Department, where the shooting incident had occurred which would be followed by a demonstration at the Central District Police Station. Informant stated that WALKER mentioned that the ACTION group had also decided that another meeting would be held subsequently for the purpose of getting as many groups and individuals as possible to keep alive demonstrations and other action protesting alleged police brutality; that WALKER stated that so much pressure would be brought on the Police Department that it would have to seek a way of relief. (U)

On August 2, 1965, SL T-8 advised that at a CP of Missouri State Committee meeting held on July 31, 1965, at [] St. Louis, Missouri, ORVIL LEACH asked that more Party members be assigned to work in ACTION; that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated that the CP of Missouri just does not have the manpower and that WALKER indicated that one member of the State Committee would be assigned to work in ACTION with LEACH if this individual can find the time; that this member stated that he would endeavor to allocate some time for activity in ACTION and that he would work there as a Communist since [] of ACTION, has stated that he welcomes Communists. (U)

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On August 9, 1965, SL T-7 advised that in conversation with HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, on August 3, 1965, WALKER stated that [] was indicating that he was afraid of developing further connection between ACTION and the W.E.B. DuBois Club and that he was trying to show [] that ACTION is looked at in the same light as the DuBois Club since ACTION has taken upon itself the job of bucking the power structure of St. Louis. Informant said that WALKER stated that [] is going to learn that help from any source will be needed if and when the big money power of the city starts to close the vice on ACTION. (U)

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On August 6, 1965, SL T-9 advised that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, CP of Missouri Industrial Area, held a meeting at his home on August 4, 1965, for representatives of ACTION and the W.E.B. DuBois Club to map out a campaign of demonstrations; that it was decided that during the week of August 9, 1965, there would be mass rallies held around the issue of police brutality in order to build mass support for a campaign against the St. Louis Police Department; that at these rallies applications would be taken for membership in freedom patrols which would be young peoples groups assigned to patrol neighborhoods to watch the police, observe what they do, and report any alleged errors to a central office. Informant stated that the central office was not identified, but that it would probably be the W.E.B. DuBois Club Headquarters. Informant stated that leaflets were to be printed which would be wrapped in paper provided by the CP of Missouri through the DuBois Club, and that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, was to take an active part in planning for these rallies and the writing of the leaflet which was to be distributed at the rallies.

On August 10, 1965, SL T-6 advised that a group meeting of the CP of Missouri Industrial Area was held on August 7, 1965, at the home of and that ORVIL LEACH stated that the CP of Missouri should give more attention to ACTION; that with a little assistance this group could come forward with a real program to stir up the Negro community. (U) b6
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On August 2, 1965, SL T-1 advised that during a conversation with HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, WALKER stated that he had been talking with some ACTION members and that plans were being made for a series of protest meetings in the St. Louis area; that these meetings would deal primarily with the issue of police brutality and a request for a Civilian Review Board; that it was planned to hold the first rally at the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development within two weeks; that WALKER stated that efforts would be made to attract as many people as possible for a mass meeting in the fall of the year at which the question of Negro injustices at all levels would be discussed. (U)

On August 12, 1965, SL T-6 advised that a committee meeting of representatives of ACTION and the W.E.B. DuBois Club was held on August 1, 1965, at 1910 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, (U)

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Missouri, and that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, CP of Missouri, Industrial Area; HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, and another CP of Missouri member were present; that this committee met to draft a leaflet for public distribution; that a leaflet was drafted calling for a mass rally, a Civilian Review Board and freedom patrols as a means of curbing police brutality; that the leaflet was to be presented at the ACTION membership meeting for approval later in the evening.

On August 19, 1965, SL T-10 made available a flier distributed by ACTION which disclosed that a rally was to be held to protest police brutality. The handbill bore the following text:

"COPS KILL NEGRO YOUTH - HOW MANY MORE MUST DIE!"

"Seventeen year old Melvin Cravens was handcuffed and then gunned down in cold blood by Patrolman Rommel at the Lucas Street police station. How many young people do you know who have been threatened, whipped or arrested for no reason by Negro-hating Cops? You could be next. Let's smash police brutality now!

"We need jobs. We need decent neighborhoods - We need good schools, but all we receive from the politicians is more brutal cops.

"What can we do?

- "1. Join freedom patrols to defend our neighborhood from police brutality!
- "2. Join the fight for a citizens review board which can control killer cops!

"COME! SEE AND HEAR HOW POLICE
BEAT AND ABUSE NEGRO PEOPLE!
COME! LET'S STOP THEM!
TIME: 7:00 FRIDAY NIGHT
PLACE: GRAND AND GARFIELD

"SPONSORS: A.C.T.I.O.N.

DuBOIS CLUB
1910 N. GRAND"

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Source further advised that the typewritten portion of this flier was executed by ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, CP of Missouri Industrial Area, and that the handprinting was done by [redacted]

On August 23, 1965, SL T-9 advised that [redacted] was a resident of New York City and that the CP-USA had sent her to St. Louis as part of a CP Summer Youth Project designed to get a CP youth organization started in St. Louis. *MO.*

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On August 17, 1965, SL T-9 advised that a rally was to be held on the evening of August 18, 1965, at the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development, 2407 O'Fallon Street, St. Louis, Missouri, a predominantly Negro housing development in the City of St. Louis; that this rally was sponsored by ACTION and that the purpose of the rally was to enable [redacted] of ACTION, to register protests against alleged police brutality by the St. Louis Police Department; that it was [redacted] intention to solicit volunteers who would be willing to form groups whose duty it would be to observe police activities and to report any incidents indicating misconduct on the part of individual police officers in connection with carrying out their official duties. Informant stated that it was also contemplated that a similar rally would be held on August 19 or 20, 1965, in the vicinity of Grand Boulevard and Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

On August 18, 1965, SL T-11 advised that on that date about 35 individuals identifying themselves as connected with ACTION and with the W.E.B. DuBois Club conducted a rally at the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development, Jefferson and Cass Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; that the crowd consisted of mostly youths and that they listened to remarks demanding a stop to police brutality.

On August 20, 1965, SL T-12 advised that members of ACTION and the DuBois Club jointly conducted a rally on that date at Grand and Garfield Place, St. Louis, Missouri, from about 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; that one of the group laid in the street with his hands handcuffed behind him and that he was doused with catchup to simulate a brutal police inflicted wound.

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On August 24, 1965, SL T-10 advised that [] reproduced a leaflet calling for a rally on August 25, 1965, under the sponsorship of ACTION and the DuBois Club; that this leaflet had the same text as the one used for the August 20, 1965, meeting at Grand and Garfield, St. Louis, Missouri, except that the handprinting in the last paragraph was changed to:

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"Come hear what you, your friends and neighbors can do . . . Come hear what is already being done.

"Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Jefferson and Dickson

"Sponsors: ACTION DU BOIS CLUB"

On September 8, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, CP of Missouri Industrial Area, was working actively with ACTION on its police brutality campaign; that he visits alleged victims at their homes, in hospitals, or jails.

On September 23, 1965, SL T-6 advised that at a group meeting of the CP of Missouri Industrial Area held on September 18, 1965, at the home of HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, stated that he had a problem in ACTION; that he is chairman of a committee to investigate police brutality and has three other committee members, all Negroes; that he notifies the other committee members each time he is to hold a meeting, but that none ever attend; that he is therefore frequently unable to get a firsthand report from victims of police brutality as he finds it difficult to get in to see the victim without a member of the committee. Informant said LEACH was advised to report this at the next ACTION meeting to get it rectified.

V. PICKETING ACTIVITIES

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper, issue of May 25, 1965, reported that members of the ACTION group picketed the Southwestern Bell Telephone Building, 1010 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 1965; that while the employees of the telephone company were leaving the building, PERCY GREEN, Chairman of ACTION, sprayed insect repellent in the lobby of the building to dramatize their demands for more jobs for Negro men at the Southwestern Bell

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Telephone Company; that shortly afterward, GREEN proceeded to the lobby of the Laclede Gas Company at 1017 Olive Street, St. Louis, where he sprayed the insect repellent on the outside of the firm's building.

The "St. Louis Post Dispatch", issue of June 16, 1965, reported that on June 15, 1965, members of the ACTION group demonstrated in front of the Union Electric Company, 315 North 12th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and painted whitewash lettering on the windows of the firm to illustrate their demands for more jobs for Negro men; that the words "Jobs for Negro Men" were painted in large letters on five street level windows by members of the ACTION group. The article reported that PERCY GREEN, Chairman of ACTION, stated that the "paint-in" was intended to "advertise" for Negro employees to help the Electric Company comply with the civil rights organization demand that the firm hire 550 Negroes.

On June 21, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that two members of the ACTION group picketed the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the Laclede Gas Company and the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri, for approximately 30 minutes starting at about 5:00 p.m., on June 21, 1965; that this picketing alleged discriminatory hiring practices by these companies.

On July 2, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that two members of ACTION picketed the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on July 2, 1965; that this picketing alleged discriminatory employment practices by the public utilities in St. Louis.

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On July 14, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that union employees of the Laclede Gas Company were on strike and were picketing the Laclede Gas Company Building on that date; that a group of ACTION members headed by [] of ACTION, attempted to picket with the union pickets; that the international representative of the union told [] and his followers that the picketing on the part of the union was a labor dispute between the company and the union and that they "did not request, seek, or desire their support". Lieutenant [] stated that as a result the pickets from ACTION were unsuccessful in participating in this picket line.

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The July 14, 1965, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper reported that the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity had dismissed a complaint by PERCY GREEN alleging that his layoff in 1964 by the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation (MAC), St. Louis, Missouri, was discriminatory; that the committee found no evidence of discrimination and that the committee determined that GREEN had requested a transfer to the Research and Development Department of MAC even though it was made clear to him that the department was not covered by union contracts and that he would lose his seniority. The article further stated that GREEN was employed in the department when three reductions in work force had taken place there and that on the third cut-back, GREEN was placed on a surplus list; that he was offered the right to undergo testing procedures to see if he could be relocated in other work in the plant, but that he refused and consequently was discharged.

On August 10, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that on that date ten individuals of the ACTION group picketed at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

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Lieutenant [] stated that during the demonstration some whitewash was painted on the window of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, but that the St. Louis Police Department had determined to ignore as much as possible [] of ACTION, and his group inasmuch as it was thought that they were seeking publicity.

In this connection, the July 8, 1965, issue of the "St. Louis Globe Democrat" newspaper contained an editorial captioned "Pest and Nuisance" referring to PERCY GREEN and ACTION in which it is stated that the likes of GREEN thrive on publicity and that the Globe Democrat in the future will ignore their infantile antics except when the rules of good newspapering absolutely compel attention. The editorial ended by stating that the tragedy of a man like GREEN is not that he is a pest and a nuisance, but that he makes it more difficult for deserving Negro men and women to be employed.

On August 25, 1965, Sergeant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that on August 24, 1965, approximately eight ACTION members picketed the Laclede Gas Company

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office from approximately 4:05 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.; that their signs demanded that the company employ more Negroes and that the pickets pasted small "freedom stamps" on the windows of the gas company; that the ACTION organization had these small stamps printed in an attempt to sell them for the purpose of raising funds. Sergeant [] stated that the group upon leaving the Laclede Gas Company marched to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company where they commenced picketing at approximately 5:00 p.m. and again pasted a number of the "freedom stamps" on various windows of the company's property; that they dispersed at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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On September 8, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that on that date at approximately 4:30 p.m., four members of ACTION picketed at the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri, where they remained for approximately thirty minutes and then proceeded to the "Globe Democrat" Newspaper Building where they were joined by four additional pickets; that some one of the eight pickets while at the "Globe Democrat" Newspaper Building, 12th and Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri, placed a chain on the door at the entrance of the "Globe Democrat" which had to be cut by the St. Louis Police Department to permit exit of the "Globe Democrat" employees.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

On September 17, 1965, SL T-5 advised that at a meeting of ACTION held on August 29, 1965, at 2920 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, [] ACTION member, made a suggestion that Negro applicants for employment be equipped with hidden tape recorders and their conversations with personnel directors of St. Louis firms be recorded for use in the future as evidence of select treatment some personnel directors give to Negro applicants.

The "St. Louis Argus", a Negro newspaper, issue of November 19, 1965, contained a letter addressed to the editor signed by [] of ACTION, in which he complained that a recent announcement by the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis that five thousand jobs are available was made to whitewash the Federal Government and to cover up McDonnell's non-compliance with ACTION's demand for ten percent Negro male employment at MAC as stated in ACTION's complaints filed June 2, 1965, and [] personal complaint filed

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July 26, 1965, with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the 1964 Civil Rights Law. [] accused MAC of failing to place employment ads in the classified sections of Negro newspapers and that Negroes should not let MAC use the old excuse that Negroes never apply for upper classified jobs.

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[] further stated that ACTION would like to see hundreds of Negroes apply for work at MAC and that if they are not hired, ACTION wants to know why and intends to do something about it. [] urged as many Negroes as possible, both male and female, to apply at MAC immediately and if not hired, to come in person to ACTION headquarters at 2906 North Union Boulevard to report the matter.

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W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America

The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to a third source, a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included [] (who, according to the third source, attended a CP cadre encampment held at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, in June, 1965, and following his election as [] attended another national CPcadre youth conference held on September 9-12, 1965, on a farm located in Northern Indiana, according to a fourth source); [] (who was elected to the San Francisco County Committee CP in April, 1964, according to a fifth source); [] (who in June, 1964, was stated to be the Youth Representative on the Northern California CP District Board, according to a sixth source); [] (who, according to a seventh source, met in June, 1965, with the District Staff of the Illinois CP to discuss the proposed DCA Midwest Summer Project), and [] (who, according to an eighth source, has attended meetings of the Youth Club of the CP of Illinois during 1965 in connection with the DCA Summer Project).

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A source has advised that a member of the Communist Party (CP) of Missouri attended a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization, and plan for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964. The expenses for this trip, as well as the expenses of two delegates to the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) held from June 19th to 21st, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco, California, were paid for by the CP of Missouri.

A second source has advised that the organizing of a DCA Club in St. Louis was done at the direction and financial assistance of the CP of Missouri. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mortimer Daniel Rubin, National CP Organizational Director; and Claude Lightfoot, member of the National CP Committee, while in St. Louis have met with members of the St. Louis DCA Club to discuss its status and activities.

The second source also advised that approximately twelve young people met on March 7, 1965, in St. Louis, and organized the DCA St. Louis Club. They elected officers and executed an application for a charter and membership in the National DCA. Two of the elected officers of the St. Louis Club are members of the CP of Missouri.

Since its inception, the St. Louis Club DCA has been under the complete influence, domination and control of the Missouri CP.

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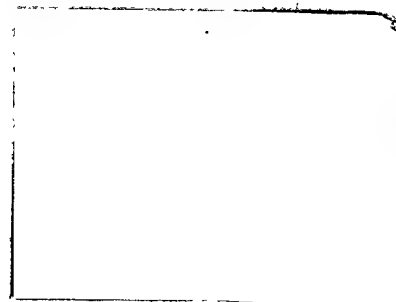
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Synopsis:

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) has headquarters at 2906 N. Union Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Identity of officers set out. ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, Industrial Area, CP of Mo., is Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, also known as the Police Relations Committee of ACTION, and conducts investigations of police actions. ACTION endeavoring to sell associate memberships in the organization to raise funds.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of Communist infiltration, domination, and/or control.

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

MD. On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper captioned "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [] during an election in CORE held in October, 1964, when [] ran for Chairman.

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

On May 17, 1966, SL T-1 advised that the following individuals were the current officers of ACTION and were elected January 9, 1966:

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Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary.

III. HEADQUARTERS

On May 17, 1966, SL T-1 advised that the headquarters and meeting hall of ACTION is located at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and that the telephone number there is EVERgreen 1-3572.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On December 1, 1965, SL T-1 advised that at an ACTION meeting at 2906a Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, held on November 21, 1965, ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, Communist Party (CP) of Missouri Industrial Area, stated that he had been putting in quite a lot of time with the police brutality section of ACTION; that following a radio report of a policeman shooting

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two men on DeBaliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on the previous weekend, an ACTION member had been sent to the scene of the incident to conduct an investigation about ten minutes after the shooting. LEACH commented that this group would be the most active in ACTION.

On December 14, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION and a group of children at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri, of which Reverend WALTER W. WITTE is Rector, were working closely with each other; that this childrens group has a Chairman named [redacted] and it is called the St. Stephens Junior Action Group; that the children were singing the lyrics of civil rights songs put to Christmas carol music; that these songs had reference to jobs and equality for Negroes.

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The December 10, 1965 issue of the "St. Louis Argus," St. Louis Negro newspaper, Page 2, contained a letter to the Editor which was as follows: (u)

"To the Editor:

"We believe that our involvement in activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes is a pertinent witness to the need for racial justice in St. Louis--particularly in the area of employment. (u)

"We believe ACTION currently is the only group keeping the issue of race and employment alive in this community. (u)

"Therefore: since we presently are sponsoring a high school study program for adults in our parish neighborhood--the Darst, Webbe, and Clinton-Peabody public housing apartments most of whom are Negro--we feel that the only logical step is to witness for greater job opportunities for the very people whose education we seek to implement. (u)

"The Rev. Walter W. Witte
RECTOR

"William L. Matheus
PARISH WORKER" *MD*

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The January 14, 1966 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" newspaper contained a photograph of the newly elected officers of ACTION and of ORVIL LEACH, who was identified as Chairman of the Police Relations Committee.

On December 20, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, had stated that he had been surprised at the volunteers he had received to assist him in his activities as Chairman of The ACTION Police Surveillance Committee in checking alleged police brutality; that these people shadow policemen with notebook and pencil and check on the activities of policemen on their beats.

On January 17, 1966, SL T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, held on January 16, 1966, ORVIL LEACH was the Chairman; that at the conclusion of the meeting he stated that he was to go to a meeting of ACTION at 4:00 p.m. that day.

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On January 14, 1966, SL T-1 furnished the following news release obtained from ACTION:

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"TO: EDITOR

"FROM: 

"The Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes plans to become a national organization this year, with headquarters located in St. Louis, Missouri. Chapter groups will be known as Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes, using the location of the group as a prefix to distinguish the various chapters. Charter members are presently working toward this end in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York and San Francisco, California.

"In St. Louis city there will be two active chapters and an active chapter in Kinloch, Missouri. ACTION chapters will be at liberty to select independent projects, and will receive general directives and aid from the council headquarters.

"ACTION in St. Louis currently has membership participation of 200 and will have approximately 2000 members by the end of the year.

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"The January 9, 1966 election of council ACTION officers, to serve one year terms, are: [redacted] Director; [redacted] Assistant Director; [redacted] Recording Secretary; [redacted] Corresponding Secretary and [redacted] Treasurer. [redacted] is the legal counselor for ACTION.

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"ACTION projects and activities for 1966 will include the complete exposure, via direct action demonstrations, of Negro individuals and Negro organizations who let themselves be used by the white power structure to perpetuate discrimination against the lower economic Negro masses. These turncoat Negroes, who depend upon the lower economic Negro masses for political, private and social success will no longer be allowed to run rampant. Negroes who are thus guilty will automatically become ACTION targets, and it will matter not, whether such turncoat acts are voluntary or involuntary.

"McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Laclede Gas Company, Union Electric Company, the Globe Democrat and the Construction Industry are big business enterprises who are not moving fast enough in hiring Negro men into better paying jobs that afford On-The-Job Training, to compensate for the frustrations they are responsible for originating in the Negro community. Crime, ADC, alcoholism and drug addiction are direct products of the discriminatory injustices of these big business enterprises. Therefore direct action remains in order until the economic frustrations evident in the Negro family are no longer evident.

"Police conduct will be closely observed and police brutality will be vigorously exposed.

"ACTION will support the new civil rights political party known as Equality Now.

"As in the past year, ACTION will act upon all inhumane and discriminatory issues and occurrences in the Negro community."

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On February 7, 1966, SL T-2 advised that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was being urged by a Chicago group to take the lead as a National civil rights group because the National Negro Association has been completely taken over by the power structure of the United States. Informant said WALKER stated that if [redacted] of ACTION was not so hard-headed and such a glory hunter, the ACTION group could be used in the nucleus of this group.

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On February 15, 1966, SL T-3 advised that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, contacted two members of the CP of Missouri on January 22, 1966, to ask them to come to ACTION meetings; that he said he was Chairman of the Committee on Police Brutality for ACTION and that he needed people to work with him in each police district.

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On February 15, 1966, SL T-3 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 6, 1966, and approximately twelve persons were present; that [redacted] asked how many memberships had been sold and when told that a few had been sold he stated that the fault must be in the manner of approach to people. Informant said ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, CP of Missouri, Industrial Area, reported that some people will come to meetings but only if he transports them in his car; that they will not come on their own initiative. A report was also given by [redacted] that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company had hired a Negro as a cable splicer and promised to hire more in skilled jobs; that Laclede Gas Company, McDonnell Aircraft Company and the City of St. Louis had also hired more Negroes.

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On February 17, 1966, SL T-4 advised that a group meeting of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, was held on January 30, 1966 at 2927 Greer Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader, was Chairman; that LEACH stated that he would like the support of all the members of the group in selling associate membership cards in ACTION; that the cards sold for \$2.00 each and that the money was badly needed as ACTION was completely broke; that the last money in the treasury had been used to pay for a bail bond to get [redacted] out of jail. Informant said a CP member answered that ACTION and other civil rights groups should take another look at their habit of doing silly things to get arrested and get publicity

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as these things cost money; that when a community is aflame and everyone is demonstrating, you can get away with a lot of things but that things are now quiet and you have to govern yourself accordingly. Informant said WALKER would not take any of the cards but promised to try to interest some people in buying them. (U) X

On March 15, 1966, SL T-3 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held on March 2, 1966 at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri and that three persons attended; that discussion was centered on a news article of a Negro street-car motorman having killed a Negro boy who snatched the motorman's money changer and ran away with it; that ORVIL LEACH stated that the boy's parents would be interviewed concerning this. Informant said [] was in an adjacent room talking to two men, one white, the other Negro, from the Human Relations Board, Washington, D. C.; when they left he said they were probably trying to see how they could collect income tax from ACTION and that ORVIL LEACH commented that they could have been "FBI's." (U) X

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The April 19, 1966 issue of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper, Page 10a, reported a critical article concerning the appointment of a new Negro as a member of the St. Louis Police Board by PERCY GREEN, Chairman of ACTION. The article reported as follows:

"Clifton W. Gates, new member of the Board of Police Commissioners, was criticized today by the Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes.

"Percy Green, ACTION Chairman, asserted that Gates's public statements since his appointment last Friday indicated a lack of awareness of the problems confronting many Negroes and cast doubt on his ability to represent the Negro community. His presence on the board will not deter demonstrations against police when they are thought to be warranted, Green said.

"ACTION has requested a meeting with Gates to discuss civil rights issues concerning the police. Gates, 42 years old, a real estate dealer and banker, was appointed by Gov. Warren E. Hearnes. He is the first Negro named to the Police Board."

On March 24, 1966, SL T-5 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held on March 6, 1966 but only the Chairman and four members attended; that dues were collected and the minutes were read; that discussion was held on finances. (U) X

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On March 24, 1966, SL T-5 advised that on March 9, 1966, a meeting of ACTION was scheduled; that [redacted] and three other members attended; that [redacted] suggested that a vigil be held on Easter weekend; that it would get a lot of newspaper publicity if ACTION could get some members to come out; that one member said ACTION just did not have enough people to conduct a weekend vigil; that [redacted] said maybe one or two people would be enough to start it and that it could be conducted at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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On March 24, 1966, SL T-5 advised that a meeting of ACTION was held on March 20, 1966 at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that [redacted] and six other members attended; that discussion was held on a discussion that the employment committee of ACTION had had with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and [redacted] was of the opinion that the results were favorable to ACTION; that ACTION as a result was able to make a liar out of the Mayor of St. Louis, who claimed that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company had hired 100 Negroes in all and that of these 17 were men; that the truth was that only 86 Negroes had been hired and only 16 of whom were men. Informant said discussion was also held on whether to pay a member's fine or pay outstanding ACTION bills; that it was decided to pay the outstanding bills.

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On March 24, 1966, SL T-5 advised that a meeting of ACTION members was held on March 22, 1966 at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, and that [redacted] and his wife, ORVIL LEACH and five members attended; that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and discussion was again held on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's hiring of Negro men in skilled jobs. Informant said [redacted] read a letter advising that seven Negro men were employed on construction work on the Gateway Arch Project being built in downtown St. Louis.

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On April 7, 1966, SL T-4 advised that after a special meeting of the State Committee of the CP of Missouri held at 944 Maple Place on April 3, 1966, which was called to hear JOE BRANDT, Business Manager of "The Worker", ORVIL LEACH, CP member of ACTION, asked to address the members; that LEACH stated as Chairman of the Community Relation Committee of ACTION, he was investigating a case of police brutality and wanted some Negro ACTION members to accompany him on the investigation; that he wanted to report to the next regular ACTION meeting and that there were also plans to place a picket line at the district

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police station covering the location of the police brutality. (S) (U)

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

V. PICKETING ACTIVITIES

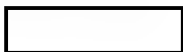
On November 16, 1965, SL T-4 advised that on November 10, 1965, HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, stated that an article had appeared in the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" newspaper reporting that Sheriff JAMES G. CLARK of Selma, Alabama was to address an all-white audience at the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on November 20, 1965; that ACTION and other groups plan to picket in front of the auditorium and that integrated couples would be sent into the meeting to see what happens. (S) (U)

On November 29, 1965, SL T-6 advised that on November 20, 1965, HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman, CP of Missouri, was contacting members of the CP of Missouri requesting that they appear at 4249 Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to picket a church at that location; that Sheriff JAMES CLARK of Selma, Alabama was scheduled to talk there; that his appearance had been canceled at Kiel Auditorium on the grounds that Kiel Auditorium was a public building and that no one could be excluded from a public building because of color, race, or natural origin. Informant stated that HERSHEL WALKER, OWEN LUTZ, a CP of Missouri member, [] ELLIOTT WAXMAN, Press Director of the CP of Missouri, and two other CP of Missouri members, rode in HERSHEL WALKER's car to the picket line at 4249 Gibson. b6 b7C (S) (U)

On December 16, 1965, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department, advised that six pickets from ACTION marched in front of the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on that date protesting alleged employment discrimination; that [] of ACTION, was arrested for lying prostrate in the street. b6 b7C

On February 28, 1966, the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper, Page 6a, published a photograph of civil rights demonstrators stopping to pray in front of the Union Electric Company, 315 North Twelfth Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 27, 1966. The accompanying caption described the march as the first "Jericho March" to protest silently against alleged job discrimination against men by utility companies in St. Louis; that the procession was suggested by the Old Testament's march

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around Jericho. The article stated that the march was sponsored by St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Fourteenth and Clark Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, of which Reverend WALTER W. WITTE was Rector.

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St. Louis, Missouri

May 26, 1966

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION
 COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES
 FOR NEGROES (ACTION)

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated
May 26, 1966, at St. Louis.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES (ACTION)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

✓ Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) maintains headquarters at 2906 North Union Ave., SLMO. ✓ ORVIL LEACH, group leader, Industrial Area, Communist Party, Missouri (CP), is chairman of the Community Relations Committee, also known as the Police Relations Committee of ACTION, and conducts investigations of alleged police brutality. ✓ List of officers and activities of ACTION set out.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of Communist infiltration, domination and/or control.

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [REDACTED] during an election in CORE held in October, 1964, when [REDACTED] ran for Chairman.

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

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On December 2, 1966, SL T-1 advised that the following were the current officers of ACTION:

[REDACTED]	National Director	MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[REDACTED]	Assistant Director	
[REDACTED]	Corresponding Secretary	
[REDACTED]	Recording Secretary	
[REDACTED]	Treasurer	
ORVIL LEACH	Chairman, Community Relations Committee	
[REDACTED]	Financial Committee.	

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III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION maintains its headquarters and meeting hall at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone EV 1-3572.

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IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On May 24, 1966, SL T-2 advised that HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, attended a card party sponsored by ACTION held at the group's headquarters at 2926 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on May 7, 1966. Also present was ORVIL LEACH, group leader of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri. Informant stated that [] was one of a group talking to [] about Viet Nam, and WALKER, [] and other ACTION members participated in the conversation. All agreed that the United States Government's policy on Viet Nam was wrong.

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The "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper issue of May 20, 1966, page 2B, contained a letter to the editor captioned, "Percy Green Fund", which set out the following information concerning a fund to be established out of which court fines of ACTION members arrested for demonstrating would be paid:

"To The Editor:

"Your help is needed most urgently in the continuing fight to obtain good paying jobs for Negro men. This fight presently stands in grave jeopardy unless funds are raised immediately to meet court costs and fines which must be paid now by Percy Green, the chairman of ACTION, and by others who are waging battle against job discrimination in big business.

"Since ACTION's founding in November, 1964, it has initiated federal intervention and gained more and better paying jobs for Negroes in the St. Louis construction industry, as evidenced by the employment of the Negro contractor E. Smith at the Gateway Arch project. There is one Negro installer with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and the Laclede Gas Company is now placing notices of job openings in the St. Louis Argus. Yet there is much work to be done, and so continued pressure must be applied to these businesses until Negro men become completely acceptable employees in all job categories. Such pressures will undoubtedly bring additional fines by the St. Louis courts in an attempt to discourage further demonstrations.

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"To insure the continued work of ACTION and other active civil rights groups, plans have been made for the establishment of a \$5,000 Fund which could be used expressly for the purpose of paying fines and court costs for those who are arrested while demonstrating for equal job opportunities. This fund will be called the 'Percy Green Fund' in honor of the 30 year old, Saint Louis educated, founder of the Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). Money received in this drive will be deposited in the St. Louis Civil Rights Coordinating Committee's account, but will be designated for the purpose stated.

"A \$5,000 'Percy Green Fund' will tell the entire Greater St. Louis Community that court fines will not deter the fight for Equal Job Opportunities in Big Business.

"St. Louis Civil Rights Coordinating Committee

"(Percy ~~Green~~ Fund)

"7720 Cornell, St. Louis, Mo. 63130"

The May 20, 1966, issue of the "St. Louis Argus" newspaper on Page 6A contained an announcement of a plan to establish the "Percy Green Fund", which identified the following persons to whom contributions could be mailed:

Mrs. CALVIN C. ~~LEE~~
7720 Cornell
St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

Checks were to be made out to the ^{Mr. in Charge} ~~St. Louis Civil Rights Coordinating Committee~~, in care of Mrs. LEE. The article identified CLAYTON ~~BATES~~ as Chairman of the committee and BETTY ~~LEE~~ as secretary. MISSOURI

On June 1, 1966, SL T-3 advised that HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, on May 29, 1966, stated that he had been in contact with earlier in the week and that since seemed to be the only civil rights leader in the City of St. Louis who has not been bought out

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by the City administration and white power structure, he was going to try to persuade [] to obtain some national affiliation; that he felt that if [] could get the backing of MARTIN LUTHER KING's Southern Christian Leadership Conference organization, it would add momentum to his drive in St. Louis. *Condo*

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On May 12, 1966, SL T-4 advised that an ACTION meeting was held on May 1, 1966, at 2906 North Union, St. Louis, and about fifteen people attended, among whom was ORVIL LEACH; that [] was chairman of the meeting and that the agenda consisted of the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and dues collection; that [] subsequently told the group that more money would have to be raised to keep ACTION going and that more memberships must be sold. Informant advised that membership cards were distributed to those in attendance, which were to be sold at one dollar each.

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The June 28, 1966, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper reported that [] leader of the ACTION group in St. Louis, was sent to the City Workhouse on that date when he refused to pay \$618 in fines and court costs that had grown out of his rights demonstrations. The article stated that the fines were imposed for five convictions - four for peace disturbance and one for disobeying a police officer- in connection with demonstrations he had lead at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

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On June 15, 1966, SL T-4 advised a member of ACTION sold ten dollars worth of "freedom stamps" distributed by ACTION at a supermarket at Hodiamont and Etzel Avenue, St. Louis, on June 4, 1966, to raise some money for ACTION.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On June 29, 1966, SL T-4 advised that [] a member of ACTION, applied to the City of St. Louis on June 29, 1966, for a parade permit. He indicated that a group of about 25 individuals would parade from CORE headquarters, 1502 North Union Boulevard, to the Monsanto Chemical Company on Second Street in St. Louis. They would then demonstrate there about 15 minutes, protesting alleged discrimination in hiring practices. They would then arrive

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at City Hall about 4:00 p.m. to join a group from ACTION, and then both groups would go to the home of Mayor ALPHONSO J. CERVANTES, 51 Westmoreland Place, St. Louis, Missouri, and continue their picketing there.

On June 30, 1966, SL T-4 advised that the attempt to organize the parade was a failure; that three individuals started out from CORE headquarters about 2:00 p.m. on June 29, and walked to Chouteau Avenue, where a fourth individual picked them up in an automobile. They then proceeded to the Monsanto Chemical Company and were the only ones who took part in a picket line there from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Informant stated that at 4:00 p.m. 14 individuals picketed City Hall until 5:15 p.m. A group of from four to eight individuals subsequently appeared at the home of Mayor CERVANTES and picketed there from 6:00 to 8:05 p.m. The picketing was orderly and there were no incidents or arrests. Informant stated that the picketing at the City Hall and at the home of Mayor CERVANTES were undertakings of the ACTION Committee, protesting [] imprisonment.

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On July 21, 1966, SL T-4 advised that on July 6, 1966, a CP of Missouri member drove HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, to a demonstration being conducted by ACTION at the City Hall of the City of St. Louis in protest against the jailing of [] that they joined a picket line of about fifteen people which marched between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and then proceeded to the home of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, where they picketed until about 8:00 p.m.

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On July 21, 1966, SL T-4 advised that on July 11, 1966, ACTION held a meeting at its headquarters and five persons were present; that [] presided and that he announced that on July 12, 1966, ACTION planned a demonstration and would stall a car in the downtown area of St. Louis; that the purpose of the demonstration was to focus attention on the dissatisfaction of the Negro community in St. Louis. Informant said [] stated that he needed some people to drive their cars with the word "ACTION" posted on the sides of the cars, and also, needed people who would stick posters on other people's cars who were not connected with ACTION in order to make it look like more people were demonstrating than were actually participating.

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On August 19, 1966, SL T-5 advised that at an executive committee meeting of the State Committee, CP of Missouri, held on August 15, 1966, at 5966 Wabada, a member of CP, discussion was conducted on youth activities; that [] CP of Missouri, stated that he would like to see the youth of the CP of Missouri become more involved in the civil rights movement and that HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, who was present, announced that he had been trying for some time to get a youth who was a CP of Missouri member to regularly attend ACTION meetings. Informant said it was suggested that giving CP members the definite assignment of attending civil rights group meetings and becoming the link between them and the CP of Missouri by reporting at CP meetings the activities of the groups was a good method of getting CP youth involved in ACTION or other civil rights groups.

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On August 18, 1966, SL T-6 advised that at a CP of Missouri meeting held on August 13, 1966, at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri, a discussion was held on providing a speaker to attend a church youth rally, bazaar and dance. The speaker's subject was to be, "Anti-Poverty". Informant stated that a member objected to [] a CP of Missouri member, who was scheduled to speak at the rally, and suggested that [] of ACTION, be contacted to take [] place as a speaker. Informant stated that another CP member said that [] is hard to contact, probably due to having a big head because he is []. Informant stated that comment was also made that ORVIL LEACH, CP of Missouri and ACTION member who attends ACTION meetings, did not seem interested in the church rally, where he could possibly obtain some new members for ACTION.

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On September 20, 1966, SL T-4 advised that a CP of Missouri meeting was held on August 20, 1966, at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri; that ORVIL LEACH presided and reported that he thought that the CP should now place someone in the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE); that he thought CORE was ready to start some activities.

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On October 4, 1966, SL T-2 advised that ORVIL LEACH, group leader, CP of Missouri, on September 22, 1966, stated that he did not think that he was being very effective as Chairman of the Community Relations Committee in ACTION; that this committee handled police brutality cases; and that he noted that victims of police brutality often refused to talk to him and that he thinks it is because he is a white man; that he believes the chairman of the Community Relations Committee should be a Negro since most victims of police brutality are Negroes. LEACH said that sometime in the near future he wanted to discuss his role in ACTION because he felt he was putting in a lot of time with this civil rights group that was not paying off.

On October 13, 1966, SL T-2 advised that HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated on September 29, 1966, that he had been participating in a Negro people's demonstration at the St. Louis Police Department Headquarters, Twelfth and Clark, St. Louis, Missouri, protesting police shooting of a Negro who had his hands handcuffed behind his back, but who was able to threaten police with a gun he had secreted on his person when arrested. Informant said that WALKER said that members of CORE and ACTION were participating.

On October 20, 1966, SL T-2 advised that at a meeting of the CP of Missouri State Committee, held on October 15, 1966, at 2632 Burd Avenue, in St. Louis, Missouri, a discussion was held on CP work in mass organizations; that it was agreed that the CP did not have enough union members to have a labor union concentration policy and that a draft to be drawn up by the Party should deal mainly with work in mass organizations, such as ACTION, CORE and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On November 3, 1966, SL T-2 advised that on October 27, 1966, ORVIL LEACH stated that there were feelers out to try and merge ACTION and CORE; that some members of ACTION feel that the split between the two is not an ideological one, but one of personalities; that LEACH stated he would like to see the two groups go back together, but that he did not think [] would be persuaded.

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On November 9, 1966, T-4 advised that on October 1, 1966, ACTION conducted a demonstration at the Veiled Prophet parade; that four members of ACTION walked down one side of Lindell and four members walked on the other side, following the parade; that each group carried signs condemning the Veiled Prophet parade. Informant stated that [] carried a loudspeaker in which he shouted "Send the Veiled Prophet back to St. Louis County where he belongs".

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~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~
The October 7, 1966, issue of the "St. Louis Argus" contained an article on page 1-A, stating that members of ACTION followed the Veiled Prophet parade, distributing leaflets along the route; that SAMMY LEE DISMUKES, an ACTION member, was arrested at the intersection of Kingshighway and Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, when he attempted to chain himself to a float; that he was arrested by the St. Louis Police Department suspected of peace disturbance and carrying a concealed weapon, as the demonstrator carried a chain around his waist with an open padlock on a loose end. MISSOURI

On November 9, 1966, SL T-4 advised that at an ACTION meeting held on November 6, 1966, at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, about 15 persons were present; that [] presided and dues were collected. Informant stated that a report was made that ACTION was trying to get more Negroes employed at a bakery and two packing houses in St. Louis. Informant also reported that a member asked [] if anything could be done about the Mayor of the City of St. Louis passing out literature favoring passage of a City Improvement Bond Issue to be voted on November 8, 1966, and that [] said it would be good publicity to make a citizen's arrest of the Mayor.

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The November 22, 1966, issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch", page 2-B, contained an article captioned, "ACTION Group Criticizes NAACP and Urban League". The article indicated that ACTION charged that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Urban League were a "part of the white establishment". The statement characterized members of these two organizations as primarily middle-class Negroes "seeking social and political recognition" from the white community; charged that the two organizations have repeatedly minimized and beclouded the problems of Negroes who are unemployed or have little income,

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and had thwarted efforts of other civil rights groups.

V. PUBLICATION

ACTION does not have an organization publication.

VI. FUNDS

On December 2, 1966, SL T-7 advised that ACTION's funds total less than \$100 and that the group is in constant need of operating funds.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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On August 10, 1966, [] *Informant*
[] telephonically advised an Agent of the FBI that he had received in the mail some Communist literature, which he described as a booklet entitled, "New Program of the Communist Party - USA". [] said he did not want this literature being sent to his home and planned to write a letter to the Communist Party at its Post Office Box in St. Louis, so advising. He said that he suspects that he received this literature because he had attended several meetings of ACTION, where he was introduced to an individual named ORVIL LEACH, who tried to talk to him about communism.

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On August 10, 1966, [] *Informant*
[] telephonically advised an Agent of the FBI he had received in the mail some Communist literature, which he described as a booklet entitled, "New Programs of the Communist Party - USA". He stated he was definitely not a Communist and objected to be on the Communist Party mailing list. He stated that he thought he had been selected to receive this literature because he was a [] and presumed that someone in that organization had obtained his name and address.

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December 9, 1966

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION
 COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES
 FOR NEGROES (ACTION)

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated
 December 9, 1966, at St. Louis.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR

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DEMONSTRATION BY ACTION AT BUDER PARK, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,
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FIFTY TO SIXTY PERSONS SPONSORED BY ACTION DEMONSTRATED
AT AND AROUND BUDER PARK FROM FIVE FORTYFIVE PM TO TEN FIFTEEN PM
DEMANDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS PARK AND THE DISMISSAL OF
DIRECTOR OF PARKS FOR FAILURE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. DURING
DEMONSTRATION, STREET WAS BLOCK BY TREE LIMBS AND LEAFLETS WERE
BURNED IN STREET, WHICH WERE PUT OUT BY FIRE DEPARTMENT. MAYOR
OF ST. LOUIS TODAY PROMISED IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN JUNE SEVEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. NO ARREST. AGENCIES ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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"Selected Racial Developments
and Youth Disturbances"

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*Action Committee to Improve
Opportunities for Negroes*

**'Negro' No Longer in Name
Of Black ACTION Group**

ACTION has been adopted as the official name of the Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes.

"The word 'Negro' no longer will be part of ACTION'S name or vocabulary," said an announcement yesterday from the militant black organization. "If used at all, it would have the same meaning as 'Uncle Tom.'"

The organization directed by Percy Green usually has been referred to by the initials—ACTION—of the longer name. ACTION was formed in 1964 as an activist group when some members of the St. Louis chapter of the Congress on Racial Equality became disenchanted with the policies of CORE.

That rift has been healed but ACTION has continued as a separate organization.

When the group was formed, the statement said the term "black" was not acceptable to the black community and the term "Negro" was used. But now "black" is acceptable by Negroes, the statement contin-

ued. Green's organization said also that policemen should be prohibited from shooting at persons fleeing from the scene of crimes against property. They said the police manual should read that an officer can fire his weapon only in self-defense or in defense of a citizen.

An officer who shoots or wounds a suspect fleeing from a crime against property should be charged with a felony depending on the outcome of the incident, the statement said.

ACTION pledged itself to eliminate what it termed racist symbols, including a white Santa Claus, white history and white holidays, such as Easter, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

6-B St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, Mo.

Date: 1-26-69

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Author:

Editor:

Title: ACTION

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Subject: Demonstration by ACTION at Buder
Park, St. Louis, Missouri,
5/25/67

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☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters ☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Comments

Re St. Louis teletype, 5/25/67.

The source in the attached is

Attorney, [REDACTED] 113th MI Group 3, and U. S. Attorney, were advised of the information in the attached.

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☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA St. Louis
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☐ Report being submitted
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St. Louis, Missouri

May 26, 1967

DEMONSTRATION BY ACTION AT
BUDER PARK, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,
MAY 25, 1967

Officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised on May 23, 1967 that Reverend William L. Matheus had stated on that date that he would hold a rally at Buder Park, St. Louis, Missouri, protesting against the failure of the City of St. Louis to make improvements in the park which had been promised.

An article in the May 25, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" states that Louis W. Buckowitz, Director of Parks for the City of St. Louis, had promised in December, 1965 to make necessary repairs and install appropriate facilities in the park but nothing had been done. Buder Park is a one square block area bounded by California and Ewing Avenues and Rutger and Hickory Streets.

In this article, Reverend William L. Matheus of ACTION indicated a letter had been sent to the Mayor of St. Louis stating that a rally would be held at the park and possibly city officials' offices picketed over this matter. This article states that officials of the City of St. Louis indicate that renovation of the park would be undertaken June 7, 1967.

The May 25, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis American" also contains an article relative to the Buder Park area in which it is stated that members of neighborhood groups in the area on May 23, 1967 met for the purpose of expressing their objection to outsiders, and specifically named ACTION, from coming into the area and causing disturbances. The neighborhood

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ENCLOSURE

RE: DEMONSTRATION BY ACTION AT
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MAY 25, 1967

group has supported the maintenance of law and order in the community, according to this article. This neighborhood group said they were concerned about disturbances in the past in the area and have indicated that they do have complaints against the City for the improvement of the area but feel these complaints should be carried through legal channels. This neighborhood group communicated their feelings to Mayor A. J. Cervantes of the City of St. Louis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 23, 1967, that the neighborhood group from the Buder Park area had specifically expressed their desire to the Mayor of St. Louis that ACTION, headed by [] was not wanted in their area and they opposed the presence of [] and members of his group being in the area since only disturbances resulted from their activities and presence.

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This source advised that on May 25, 1967, [] of ACTION would hold a rally or demonstration in the Buder Park area on the evening of May 25, 1967. This source advised that the Buder Park area and Neighborhood Association there is nearly all Negro.

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On May 25, 1967, officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised that about 50 - 60 individuals sponsored by ACTION began a demonstration at California and Rutger Streets bordering Buder Park and continued their demonstration by marching around this park. The demonstration began at about 5:45 p.m. shortly after which []

[] and a member of ACTION, brought two automobile loads of teenagers into the area. They marched around Buder Park and at 9:00 p.m. blocked a street with limbs from trees. At approximately 9:05 p.m., leaflets and other paper and debris were set on fire and the St. Louis Fire Department extinguished the fire. The Fire Department was present for approximately thirty minutes. St. Louis police officials cleaned up the debris during which time stones and other objects were thrown at them. Present during this demonstration were [] of ACTION, [] of ACTION, and [] who was arrested in the fall of 1963

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at a demonstration at the Jefferson Bank and Trust Company as a result of which he was one of the demonstrators found guilty for contempt of court.

The above demonstration ended at 10:15 p.m.

Mayor A. J. Cervantes of the City of St. Louis appeared on television on the evening of May 25, 1967, stating that improvements to Buder Park would begin June 7, 1967. In his appearance Mayor Cervantes stated that he did not anticipate trouble in the area unless the news media and others publicized incidents which might result in a disturbance.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated 12/9/66
at St. Louis.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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Will follow and report the activities of captioned
organization in six months.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as
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T-1 through SL T-7, the identification of which could compromise
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
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Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

June 29, 1967

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri

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Report of: SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY
Date: June 29, 1967

Office: ST. LOUIS

Field Office File #: SL

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES
(ACTION)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Synopsis: Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes
(ACTION) has headquarters at 2906 North Union Ave., St. Louis,
Mo. ORVILLE LEACH, group leader of the Industrial Area, CP of
Missouri, is Chairman of the Community Relations Committee.
Names of officers and activities of ACTION set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of Communist infiltration, domination and/or control.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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~~Group I~~

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE: that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [] during an election in CORE held in October, 1964, when [] ran for Chairman.

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

On June 14, 1967, SL T-1 advised that the following were current officers of ACTION:

[]	National Director
[]	Assistant Director
[]	Corresponding Secretary
[]	Recording Secretary
[]	Treasurer
ORVIL LEACH	Chairman, Community Relations Committee
[]	Chairman, Education Committee.

III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION maintains its headquarters and meeting hall at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone EV 1-3572.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On November 10, 1966, SL T-2 advised that on November 6, 1966, a demonstration was held at the Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored by ACTION; that this was a political type activity of ACTION protesting against passage of a bond issue

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proposition at an election to be held on November 8, 1966; that ACTION contended that the bond issue, if passed, would not provide money to help the Negroes in St. Louis.

On November 3, 1966, SL T-3 advised that a group meeting of the Community Area Communist Party (CP) of Missouri was held at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 25, 1966; that discussion was held on CP members doing CP work in mass organizations and it was announced that ACTION was a group in which the CP of Missouri expected its members to work.

COMMUNIST PARTY

On November 15, 1966, SL T-3 advised that on November 14, 1966, a meeting of the State Committee of the CP of Missouri was held at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri; that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, announced that a peace meeting was scheduled to be held in St. Louis on December 10, 1966 to be sponsored by a local pacifist organization. He said these peace organizations do not want to do anything but get people to their meetings and wants ACTION to lend its name as a sponsor of the peace meeting but that he was sure ACTION would not do so as it would not agree to just helping to get people to come to the meeting.

On November 25, 1966, SL T-4 advised that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated on November 12, 1966, that ideologically the time was right for ACTION to return to and merge with CORE from which it split in past years but that due to the egotism and personality of [redacted] of ACTION, he doubted that such a merger would ever take place.

On November 15, 1966, SL T-5 advised that on October 30, 1966, a group meeting of the Industrial Area CP of Missouri was held at the home of [redacted] CP of Missouri [redacted] and that the agenda called for a report on activities of ACTION which was furnished by ORVIL LEACH, a Group Chairman of the Industrial Area CP of Missouri.

On December 14, 1966, SL T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Executive Board of the State Committee CP of Missouri held on December 12, 1966, at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri, [redacted] stated that he would like to get a civil

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rights group to sponsor a forum on "Black Power" and get [] of ACTION, to agree to be on a discussion panel. He said he knew [] would be the one that would have to be convinced before ACTION would take any part in it because ACTION is a one man show where [] brings the ideas, presents them, and they are carried out. [] said this was what was holding ACTION back; that it is run by one person instead of by a group.

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On December 5, 1966, SL T-6 advised that a CP of Missouri member stated that he had attended an ACTION meeting on November 27, 1966, and had invited [] of ACTION, to speak before the St. Louis Freedom of the Press Committee (SLFPC) on December 18, 1966, and that [] had accepted.

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✓ A characterization of SLFPC is in the appendix of this report.

On December 9, 1966, SL T-6 advised that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader of the Industrial Area CP of Missouri, in conversation with a member of the CP of Missouri, advised that ACTION was his baby; that he sweated to help it organize and get financing and that the National organization of CORE has now adopted leadership as aggressive as ACTION in St. Louis has; that the local body of CORE will soon follow its lead. Informant said [] stated that ACTION likes to pretend it is a National organization but that it is strictly a local organization.

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On January 5, 1967, SL T-6 advised that on December 21, 1966, a CP of Missouri member stated that ORVIL LEACH had telephoned on December 18, 1966 to advise that [] of ACTION, had been arrested by the St. Louis Police Department on trump up charges and was let out on bail; that the CP member stated that [] was not guilty of striking a police officer and was too smart to resist arrest unless he was too drunk to know what he was doing. Informant said that the caller stated that ORVIL LEACH was endeavoring to get him to serve on the Police Brutality Committee of ACTION.

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On January 17, 1967, SL T-3 advised that at a CP of Missouri State Committee meeting held on January 8, 1967 at 5067a Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, suggested that the SLFPC write a

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letter to [] telling him how sorry they were that he was unable to attend and address the SLFPC meeting on December 15, 1966, and to mention that they know he is coming up for trial and that if there was anything the SLFPC could do for him to please let them know.

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On December 30, 1966, SL T-1 advised that HERSHEL WALKER advised on December 27, 1966, that the CP of Missouri would immediately withdraw some of the support it had given to ACTION; that the CP had discussed the role that ACTION was playing community-wise and all had agreed that ACTION was a one man organization; that where one man heads an organization it becomes dictatorial and this was true in the case of []

[] Informant said WALKER stated that ACTION should disband and begin work in other civil rights groups because [] leaves himself open to attack from the public which is not good at this time. Informant said WALKER said the CP had not talked to [] as yet but that a committee would get a meeting with him and have a discussion with him; that he believed [] would then stop and take stock of what was discussed and act accordingly.

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On February 2, 1967, SL T-6 advised that on January 29, 1967, a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the CP of Missouri was held at 5067a Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that at this meeting the desirability of additional members of the CP joining ACTION was discussed by ORVIL LEACH as a means of introducing militancy into this organization and one of the CP members present was singled out by LEACH to join ACTION.

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On February 23, 1967, SL T-1 advised that on February 19, 1967, HERSHEL WALKER and three members of the CP of Missouri met at the home of [] of the CP of Missouri, to discuss and acquaint those present with their CP assignment in mass organizational work. Informant said that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader of the Industrial Area CP of Missouri, was assigned to continue his influence and work in ACTION.

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On March 6, 1967, SL T-6 advised that a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the CP of Missouri was held on February 26, 1967, at 5067a Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri;

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that at this meeting ORVIL LEACH stated that he wanted another CP of Missouri member to become active in ACTION; that he would introduce him around when he joined this group. ~~(U)~~

On March 23, 1967, SL T-4 advised that a Marxist discussion group, which included [redacted] of ACTION, met on March 19, 1967 at 7234 Dorset, St. Louis, Missouri. Informant said the group's plans were to discuss the new direction the civil rights movement was taking, or must take, and [redacted] commented that in regard to the question of whether or not the group's membership should be enlarged that a discussion on Marxism frightens a lot of people and he would like to maintain the group's size at its present membership for the present. Informant said plans were made to discuss the actions of CORE in past instances and how the white power structure manipulated civil rights groups; that [redacted] then stated that he would like the discussion to decide if his split from CORE was right or wrong. ~~(U)~~

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On March 16, 1967, SL T-4 advised that a CP of Missouri State Committee meeting was held March 11, 1967 at 2632 Burd Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that at this meeting HERSCHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, announced that he and another CP of Missouri member were to meet with [redacted] of ACTION, and some other civil rights groups members once or twice a month to discuss the direction that the civil rights movement should take. ~~(U)~~

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On March 23, 1967, SL T-4 advised that ACTION was sponsoring a picket line in front of the home of Judge MICHAEL J. SCOTT. This picketing protested the jailing of demonstrators arrested in 1963 at the Jefferson Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, who were subsequently found to be in contempt of court. Fourteen demonstrators served jail sentences and paid fines, the last three being released on May 4, 1967. Informant stated that the picketing of Judge SCOTT's home continued on a periodic basis from March 23, 1967 to May 4, 1967.

The May 26, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" newspaper contained an article stating that a neighborhood committee representing residents of Compton and Caroline Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, had lodged a formal complaint with the St. Louis Police Department in an attempt to head off any future action by PERCY

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GREEN and members of his ACTION group. The article stated that as a result of the arrests of three Negro residents on May 17, 1967 for using profanity and throwing objects in the street in protest against a clean-up program by the City of St. Louis, PERCY GREEN's group had held rallies at the corner of Compton and Caroline Streets and that GREEN encouraged his followers to pile rubbish in the streets to make them impassable. According to the article GREEN replied when told of the complaint by the neighborhood group against him and ACTION, "There are many 'Uncle Toms' in St. Louis who would join the white man to see that we are persecuted and jailed without a cause but the day of 'Uncle Tom' and 'great white' is at an end".

On May 25, 1967, 50 - 60 individuals participated in a demonstration sponsored by ACTION in the Compton - Caroline Street area during which time it was necessary for the St. Louis Fire Department to extinguish a fire set to debris and during which time stones and objects were thrown at the St. Louis Police Department attempting to clean-up the debris that had been thrown into the street.

The June 18, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper contains an article stating that four members of ACTION were arrested by the St. Louis Police Department at ACTION Headquarters, 2906 Union Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, after drivers of two bread delivery trucks complained to the police that their tires had been deflated. The article stated that ACTION members passed out leaflets stating that air should be let out of tires of Wonder Bread trucks, Southwestern Bell Telephone trucks, Laclede Gas Company trucks, Union Electric Company trucks, and Krey Packing Company trucks as ACTION alleges these companies will not give Negroes decent paying jobs.

The June 9, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" contained an article stating that St. Louis Negroes have no vocal voice. This article was based on a panel discussion program held June 4, 1967 on the subject "Who Speaks for the Negro in St. Louis" in which PERCY GREEN represented ACTION. GREEN said his group was ready to do things that needed to be done and were not afraid to do something about it.

On June 15, 1967, SL T-7 advised that [redacted] indicated, while on this panel, his true character by attempting to dominate the conversation and failing to accept the principle of cooperation with others.

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V. PUBLICATION

ACTION does not have an organization publication.

VI. FUNDS

On June 14, 1967, SL T-1 advised that ACTION has less than \$100 in its Treasury.

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ST. LOUIS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE

On October 29, 1951, a source advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee was organized in St. Louis in the fall of 1951 for the purpose of increasing the circulation of "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker".

On March 8, 1954, 

 advised that the principal activities of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area at that time were concentrated in various front organizations of which the Freedom of the Press Committee was one.

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In May, 1966, a second source advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee is one of the front organizations in the St. Louis area in which the activity of the Communist Party is concentrated; that the Committee's purpose continues to be distribution of "The Worker"; and that the organization has been continuously under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party in the St. Louis, Missouri area since he became acquainted with it in 1955.

"Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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St. Louis, Missouri

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated June 29, 1967, at St. Louis.

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ACTION PICKETING AT CITY HALL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, SEVEN
THIRTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. RM

GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT SEVENTYFIVE LEAD
BY ACTION LEADERS PICKETED AT CITY HALL TODAY TO DEMAND BETTER
LIGHTS AT SOME CITY AREAS AND REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF PARKS
CLAIMING HE IS NOT MAINTAINING PARKS IN SOME AREAS. NO INCIDENTS
OR ARREST. LHM FOLLOWS.

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-new)
Subject: Demonstration by ACTION at
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.,
St. Louis, Missouri, 10/26/67

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☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA St. Louis;
☐ LHM being submitted 113th MI Group 3, St. Louis;
☐ Report being submitted NISO, Chicago, and OSI, St. Louis.
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Special Agent in Charge

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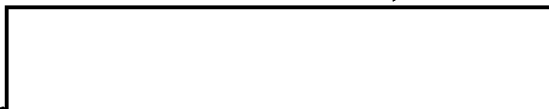
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October 27, 1967

Demonstration by ACTION at
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,
St. Louis, Missouri,
October 26, 1967

Officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised on October 26, 1967 that approximately twenty persons, including seven very young children, sponsored by ACTION picketed the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., October 26, 1967. They carried signs demanding jobs for Negroes at the company and asking people to support and join ACTION. Some of these signs said, "Jobs Prevent Riots". There were no incidents. Among those involved in the picketing were [redacted] of ACTION, a dissident group from the St. Louis Committee on Racial Equality; [redacted] and Reverend Walter W. Witte, both of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and members of ACTION.

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Will follow and report the activities of captioned organization in six months. *L*

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ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE
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(ACTION)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: The Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for
Negroes (ACTION) maintains headquarters at 2906 North
Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. ORVIL LEACH, group leader of
the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, is a member of ACTION and
acts as liaison for the CP of Missouri with ACTION. Names of
ACTION officers and activities of organization reported.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities
of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes
(ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the
purpose of determining the extent of communist infiltration,
domination, and/or control.

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by Percy Green. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted Green as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [] during an election in CORE held in October, 1964, when [] ran for Chairman.

II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

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On January 3, 1968, SL T-1 advised that the following individuals were the current officers of ACTION.

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[]	Director	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[]	Assistant Director	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[]	Recording Secretary	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[]	Acting Recording Secretary	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[]	Corresponding Secretary	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
[]	Treasurer	OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION maintains its headquarters and meeting hall at 2906 North Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone EV 1-3572.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On June 1, 1967, SL T-2 advised that a group meeting of the Industrial Area, Communist Party (CP) of Missouri, was held on May 21, 1967, at 2632 Burd Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri,

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and that discussion was held on conducting classes in Marxism; that ORVIL LEACH, an ACTION member and Group Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated that he believed [] would attend the Marxist classes; that a new CP member stated he believed [] would be a good man to get into the CP because he believes in direct action. Informant stated that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, answered that [] needs some Marxist training as he does not want to follow leadership.

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On June 22, 1967, SL T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the CP of Missouri, held on June 11, 1967, at 5067a Highland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, ORVIL LEACH, a member of the CP and member of ACTION and former Chairman of the Police Brutality Committee of ACTION, said that ACTION was using case-hardened steel in the chains and locks it uses to chain and lock doors at utility firms at which it conducts demonstrations, and that this causes the police no end of trouble in trying to remove them.

On July 10, 1967, SL T-4 advised that at a meeting of the Community Area, CP of Missouri, held on July 8, 1967, at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri, a CP member offered for sale tickets for a dance that was being sponsored by ACTION.

On July 17, 1967, SL T-2 advised that on July 9, 1967, at a meeting of the Industrial Area of the CP of Missouri, held at 2632 Burd Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, [] stated that Bi-State, the Missouri-Illinois transit authority, was going to raise the bus fare and that ACTION should be told about it. Informant said additional discussion developed that the CP members believe that ACTION could be used to build an active demonstration in the City of St. Louis against the proposed raise in the fare.

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On July 13, 1967, Lieutenant [] St. Louis Police Department (SLPD), advised that about 75 individuals, most of them children, marched around City Hall in the City of St. Louis between 4 PM and 6 PM on that date with signs demanding that new street lights be placed in the Jefferson-Cass area in the City of St. Louis, and that the Director of Parks in the City of St. Louis be removed from his job, as city

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parks in Negro and poor white areas were not maintained as well as parks elsewhere in the city. Lieutenant [] stated that the demand for the removal of the Park Director was sponsored by ACTION and that members of a Neighborhood Advisory Council were backing the street lighting demand.

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The July 21, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" newspaper contains an article stating that PERCY GREEN, head of ACTION, stated that one of the causes of unrest in the City of St. Louis was the lack of improvement of police-citizen relations; that GREEN said that a Negro, Colonel C. W. Gates, was a member of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners but he was not acting in behalf of the Negroes.

On August 2, 1967, SL T-5 advised that [] has repeatedly criticized C. W. Gates as a St. Louis Police Board Commissioner, but that GATES has attempted to ignore [] who is considered by many to be selfish, vindictive, and one who has a following of only about a dozen individuals.

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On July 31, 1967, SL T-1 advised that [] of ACTION, a member of the St. Louis Committee on Racial Equality (CORE), the President of the St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and an Alderman from the 4th Ward of the City of St. Louis appeared on a television program on June 4, 1967, and discussed the question "Who Speaks for the Negro in St. Louis"; that following the conclusion of the television program a poll was taken of ACTION members. Those polled stated that [] did not speak for them, although they did go along with some things he does. CORE members polled said that the CORE representative, although a dedicated member, did not speak for them. The President of NAACP and the Alderman could not be reached for comment. Informant said that the conclusion of the poll was that although these individuals were so-called community leaders, they did not speak for the St. Louis Negro. Informant said [] has been accused of acting contrary to what he advocates; that he lives in the Pierre Laclède area of St. Louis but tries to identify himself with the Negro ghetto area.

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On August 9, 1967, SL T-3 advised that at a meeting of ACTION held on August 6, 1967, at its headquarters, [] stated that ACTION needed some walkie-talkies to be used in demonstrations and that some FM tuners were also needed

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to tune in on the conversations of St. Louis Police cars during demonstrations. ~~(U)~~

The September 1, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" newspaper contained an article captioned, "ACTION to Sponsor Black Veiled Prophet Extravaganza". The article reported that ACTION's purpose was to bring together people of good will, the wealthy and poor, both black and white, for a colorful social evening and that ACTION indicated the difference between the Black Veiled Prophet event and the white Veiled Prophet Ball and annual formal attire event, which is the highlight of the social season in St. Louis, was that ACTION's event would crown a queen of human justice instead of a queen of love and beauty, and that its affair would not be pompous but down to earth, mini-skirts and all. The article further reported that ACTION would solicit ads for its first annual magazine, which would be distributed at the dance on September 30, 1967.

On September 11, 1967, SL T-6 advised that at a State Committee meeting of the CP of Missouri, held on September 9, 1967, at 2632 Burd Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, announced that Marxist study classes would convene on September 23, 1967; that ORVIL LEACH stated that he had not yet talked to [] about attending the classes. Informant stated that a CP member present answered that [] only wants to attend events that give him personal publicity or where he is in charge of the event; that HERSHEL WALKER answered that he believed [] should be contacted to see if he would attend. Informant stated that WALKER and another CP member agreed to contact [] and interest him in attending the Marxist classes. ~~(U)~~

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On October 2, 1967, SL T-2 advised that on October 1, 1967, ACTION held a meeting at its headquarters; that fifteen persons were present; and, that [] reported on the results of the Black Veiled Prophet dance held on September 30, 1967; that he reported that ten girls were candidates for queen, and that \$419 was taken in at the door; that in addition there had been some tickets sold in advance.

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On October 7, 1967, the SLPD advised that during the Veiled Prophet Parade four members of ACTION were arrested for attempting to interfere with the parade; that ACTION has protested

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the lack of Negro participation in the Veiled Prophet affair, but that during the 1967 Veiled Prophet celebration two floats in the parade were made by Negro high school students who rode on these floats. Information was also received that at the Veiled Prophet Ball on October 6, 1967, three members of ACTION were arrested attempting to crash this event.

The October 13, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" contained an article stating that the Right Reverend GEORGE L. CADIGAN, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, had requested the resignations of two Episcopal clergymen, Reverend Walter W. Witte and Reverend William Matheus of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. Bishop CADIGAN said the resignations were requested due to "misunderstandings and procedural matters and the seeming inability of Mr. Witte to relate to the program of the diocese". The two clergymen attributed their requested resignations to their involvement in civil rights activities, particularly with ACTION. On October 22, 1967, about 25 individuals participated in picketing the Christ Church Cathedral, which picketing was sponsored by ACTION.

The October 17, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" contained an article stating that the Reverend William Matheus had testified in the Missouri Housing Judiciary Committee in behalf of a bill to prevent policemen from using guns except in an emergency. It also pointed out that in 1959 he visited Greenwich Village in New York City, as a result of which he opened and operated the Holy Barbarian Bar in St. Louis, Missouri. In January, 1960, he was arrested for employing a minor to sell liquor. On February 2, 1960, he was fined \$100 for selling liquor to a minor. He appealed this case and was tried by the Court of Criminal Correction, and he was found guilty and again fined \$100. The fine was stayed but the court costs were levied. The article indicated that he plead guilty to the charge of employing a minor to sell drinks. The article pointed out that other charges against MATHEUS, according to the City Excise Commissioner's Office, were that he permitted indecent entertainment, permitted the distribution of profane or indecent literature, permitted loitering, and in addition to other made false statements. His license was revoked on March 9, 1960.

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On October 6, 1967, about 25 individuals picketed the Christ Church Cathedral and the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church where Bishop George L. Cadigan has his office as Bishop of the Diocese. This picketing was sponsored by Action.

The November 4-5, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" contained an article to the effect that Bishop George L. Cadigan, Reverend Walter W. Witte, and Reverend William L. Matheus, the latter two of whom are affiliated with ACTION, had reached an agreement and that the two ministers would be allowed to continue in their ministry for the present. The article stated that ACTION had announced that picketing of the Christ Church Cathedral would be discontinued as of November 5, 1967, as a result of the above agreement.

On October 24, 1967, SL T-7 advised that []
[] St. Louis Branch of the Socialist Workers
Party (SWP), stated that he had met with []
of ACTION, and that he planned to support [] in his civil
rights movement.

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A characterization of the SWP appears in the appendix of this report.

The November 27, 1967, issue of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" contained an article stating that a member of ACTION was arrested on November 25, 1967, for painting on the sidewalks of St. Louis the slogan "Black Christmas"; that ACTION has been urging a boycott of downtown businesses during the holiday season.

The December 15, 1967 issue of the "St. Louis Argus" reported that ACTION was calling for a boycott of buying on the part of Negroes at Christmas time against stores that discriminate in hiring policies; that to emphasize their program ACTION had set up a black Christmas tree at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 14th and Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, as a symbol of this boycott; that in addition ACTION had furnished a black Santa Claus who appeared in downtown St. Louis on December 11, 1967, and would appear on future dates urging the Negro to save his money and not buy Christmas toys or other Christmas gifts. The article reported that ACTION indicated that the Negro many times has to go into debt to purchase Christmas gifts and after purchasing

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beyond his means ends up in jail. ACTION blamed this situation on the white man. The article concluded with ACTION asking the Negro to think about the white policemen who shoot black youths and questioned the St. Louis Police Department on "how many black police officers are going to shoot a fleeing white youth suspected of stealing Christmas junk?"

V. PUBLICATION

On January 3, 1968, SL T-1 advised that the only publication ACTION has published was a picture magazine which came out on September 30, 1967, and was captioned "ACTION - Annual 1967 Picture Magazine". A review of this magazine's front cover shows that it is dedicated to the Black Veiled Prophet queen candidates and the queen of human justice. Photographs of the ten 1967 candidates are on the front page followed by the words "For Soul Brothers and Sisters Only"; "Learn to Identify the Enemy, Donations 50 cents". The magazine consists of 36 pages of pictures of PERCY GREEN leading demonstrations in 1965-66 and photographs of ACTION members picketing various utility office buildings in St. Louis. Photographs of two members of the St. Louis Police Commissioners Board are shown which are captioned, "Big Business Appointed Murderers." A photograph of the publisher of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" is captioned "HITLER". The last page of the magazine is captioned, "We Will Do It Again ... Next Year" and reports that the 1968 edition of ACTION's picture magazine would feature the Black Veiled Prophet Queen and maids of honor in living color. It also announced that the 1968 Black Veiled Prophet Queen Contest would begin January 1, 1968, and all contestants may begin registering. Contestants are to be given vote-booklets to sell for 25 cents per book until June 15, 1968. At that time advance tickets will be given along with vote-booklets to contestants to sell.

VI. FUNDS

On January 3, 1968, SL T-1 advised that ACTION had approximately \$100 in its treasury.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
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In October, 1960, a source advised that the St. Louis Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was organized in 1938 and has functioned continuously since that time as an affiliate of the National SWP. Its aims and purposes are the same as the National SWP.

In May, 1967, another source stated that the St. Louis Branch SWP is still functioning as an affiliate of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO-NIGHT THE OPENING OF ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY SEASON AT ITS NEW LOCATION
POWELL SYMPHONY HALL. THEY PROTEST POLITICANS AND STATESMAN, WHICH
INCLUDE AMBASSADORS FROM IRAN, AUSTRALIA, AND IRELAND ATTENDING
THE AFFAIR WHILE NEGROES NEED JOBS. THEY ALSO PROTEST ABSENCE OF
NEGRO MUSICIANS IN SYMPHONY. OFFICIALS SLPD ADVISED THAT TWENTY
THREE PERSONS PICKETED SYMPHONY AT POWELL HALL FROM EIGHT PM TO NINE
FIFTEEN PM WITHOUT INCIDENT. MILITARY AGENCIES, SECRET SERVICE AND
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St. Louis, Missouri

January 25, 1968

Picketing by ACTION of St.
Louis Symphony, St. Louis, Missouri
January 24, 1968

[redacted] of ACTION, a dissident group
from the St. Louis Committee on Racial Equality, on January
24, 1968, issued the following announcement:

"St. Louis is too explosive to be wasting time
on the opening of a newly renovated two-million dollar
symphony hall on the edge of the restless and tense
black ghetto," [redacted] said today in announcing
that the militant civil rights group he heads will
stage a demonstration in front of Powell Symphony Hall
at Grand and Delmar Blvds. when it is formally opened,
Wednesday evening, January 24.

" 'Action,' [redacted] said, 'Will protest the nerve
of Mayor A. J. Cervantes and Governor Warren E. Hearnes and
the other national and international fat cats who waste their
time attending a symphony performance while thousands of
local black childrens' fathers are unemployed and
underemployed.'

" 'The Democratic administration, state and local,'
he said, 'can always find time to socialize but can never
find time to publicly demand that Southwestern Bell Phone
Company, Laclede Gas Company, Union Electric Company and
McDonnell Aircraft Company hire black men for decent
paying jobs.'

"The list of names on the roll of the St. Louis
Symphony Society reads just like the membership of the
Veiled Prophet Organization," [redacted] concluded, 'This

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RE: Picketing by ACTION of St. Louis
Symphony, St. Louis, Missouri
January 24, 1968

" 'Wednesday's so-called inaugural gala and champagne ball in the midst of central city squalor is further proof of the white man's insensitiveness to the plight of the poor black people of St. Louis.' "

News articles in both the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" and "Post-Dispatch" on January 24, 1968 indicate that at least three governors as well as ambassadors from Iran, Australia and Ireland will attend.

Officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised on January 24, 1968 that representatives of ACTION had demanded of St. Louis Symphony officials that they were protesting the absence of Negro musicians in the Symphony. Symphony officials are reported to have told ACTION there are no known Negroes qualified.

St. Louis Police Department officials advised that 23 persons representing ACTION, including [redacted] picketed the St. Louis Symphony opening at Powell Hall, St. Louis, Missouri from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., January 24, 1968. There were no incidents.

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SYNOPSIS:

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Title:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES
(ACTION)

Character:

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Synopsis:

The Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION) maintains headquarters at 2906 N. Union Ave., St. Louis, Mo. ORVIL LEACH, a member of ACTION, is group leader of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, and acts as liaison for the CP of Missouri with ACTION. ACTION officers and activities are set out.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION). This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of communist infiltration, domination, and/or control.

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I. FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

On January 10, 1965, an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here", which reported that a new civil rights organization called Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organizations's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [] during an election in CORE held in October, 1965, when [] ran for Chairman.

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II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

On August 30, 1968, SL T-1 advised that the following persons were the current officers of ACTION:

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[] II, Director;
[] Assistant Director;
[] Recording Secretary;
[] Acting Recording Secretary;
[] Corresponding Secretary;
[] Treasurer;
[] Co-chairman, Finance Committee;
[] Co-chairman, Finance Committee;
[] Chairman, Community Involvement Committee.

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III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION maintains its headquarters and meeting hall at 2906 N. Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone EV 1-3572.

IV. ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

On January 19, 1968, SL T-1 advised that [] of ACTION stated that members of ACTION had a meeting with several Episcopal Church Ministers on January 15, 1968, at

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3100 Rutger Street, St. Louis, Missouri; that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways in which the ministers could be of more help in the Negro community.

By letter dated January 18, 1968, [] identifying himself as [] of ACTION, a civil rights organization, requested that the U. S. Department of Justice, conduct a thorough investigation of the St. Louis Police Department personnel for members of the Ku Klux Klan.

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A characterization of the Ku Klux Klan appears in the Appendix of this report.

On January 18, 1968, PERCY GREEN furnished an announcement to the St. Louis "American" newspaper that ACTION had filed a complaint against the St. Louis Police Department with the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., requesting a full investigation of Ku Klux Klan membership among the St. Louis Police Department. The article stated that GREEN claimed that he knew without a reasonable doubt that the St. Louis Police Department was full of Ku Klux Klan members, that the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners were also aware of it but were just not honest to the St. Louis citizens to admit it publically.

On February 18, 1968, SL T-2 advised that on January 21, 1968, at a meeting of the Communist Party of Missouri (CP), State Committee held at 944 Maple Place, St. Louis, Missouri, HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri, stated that he had just returned from the CP meeting in New York City and that it was decided there that the CP USA would work toward forming a third major political party but that no candidate had been agreed upon. Informant said a committee composed of three CP members present was appointed to talk to people in organizations to which they belonged to find out how they felt toward a third party; that ORVIL LEACH, Group Leader of the Industrial Area, CP of Missouri, was assigned to contact ACTION, and HERSHEL WALKER was to assist him in contacting members of the ACTION group. (U) ~~C~~

The March 4, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "American" newspaper contained an article captioned, "ACTION Planning African Bugaloo Festival Here." The article reported that ACTION announced that the festival would be a preliminary event to the Second Annual Black Veiled Prophet Queen competition, and that early entrants in the Black Veiled Prophet Queen contest who sold advance tickets for the African Bugaloo would gain a head start in credits in that contest; that the Bugaloo would be held on May 4, 1968, at 4525 Olive,

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St. Louis, Missouri; that all attending would be expected to wear authentic African costumes and prizes would be awarded for the best costume.

In the March 14, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "American" newspaper, PERCY GREEN who was employed at the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service (JEVS) announced that he had been transferred to a department that would cease to exist for the purpose of getting rid of him. GREEN indicated that he should be running the agency instead of the person who was presently running it.

The March 19, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Evening World" newspaper contained an article entitled "Precious Barnes Demands that a Jew who Heads Vocational Service be Replaced." The article stated that PRECIOUS BARNES, Chairman of the ACTION Community Involvement Committee planned a direct ACTION protest demonstration against the Evaluation and Training Center administrator for the JEVS, 4300 Goodfellow Avenue, St. Louis, as the director would not grant PERCY GREEN his request for interdepartmental transfer instead of shipping him out to another center. Mr. BARNES was quoted as saying that the project should not have been permitted to be operated by racist Jews in the first place and that there were two hidden reasons for the director not recognizing PERCY GREEN's request for interdepartmental transfer and decision to transfer him to a deadend project; that the first was to take reprisal against three black brothers who stood up and exposed to the public how unfairly the center was being run, and the second was to set up PERCY GREEN to be laid off knowing that the center was not being refunded. BARNES was further quoted as saying, "Green by right should be operating this project. He would do a hell of a better job for poverty people than this racist Jew. Of course, not all Jews are bad; just those who are trying to be Anglo-Saxons and are taking advantage of black people for self-gain. In fact, some of my best friends are Jews." The article concluded with a request of BARNES that as many trainees and staff personnel at the Evaluation and Training Center as possible "who are not asleep or afraid" register a protest against the center's director.

On March 28, 1968, SL T-1 advised that on that date four members of ACTION picketed the JEVS, St. Louis, accusing them of

discrimination in hiring and promoting Negroes

The April 23, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Evening World", a weekly Negro newspaper, contained an article stating that ACTION had been negotiating with the Krey Packing Company, St. Louis, concerning alleged discrimination in that Negroes have been held to menial jobs and have not been advanced or promoted; that a settlement had been reported in this dispute. The article indicated that ACTION now claimed it will not be satisfied with "tokenism" and had complained to the Equal Employment Commission in Washington, D.C.

The April 26, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" newspaper contained an article headlined, "Woman Lecturer Criticizes Militant Civil Rights Activists." The article reported that on April 25, 1968, two Negro Priests who conducted a press conference at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, as representatives of a black Catholic clergy caucus which was held April 18, 1968, made the statement to a reporter that in many ways the Negro was not free to move about the country, live where he wanted to or to move up the job ladder, and that PERCY GREEN, Chairman of ACTION interjected that Negroes were not free to think; that a Negro woman in the audience challenged the GREEN statement and said that she was free to think, and think as she pleased; that she was a Negro and knew that many Negroes did not approve of PERCY GREEN and that GREEN does not speak for the majority of Negroes in St. Louis

The May 9, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "American" newspaper contained an article captioned, "Action Calls for Bones and Teeth." The article reported that ACTION announced a request for bones and teeth of all sorts, "pork chop bones, neck bones, ham bones, chicken bones, etc."; that all dentists were requested to donate all extracted teeth to ACTION, 2906 N. Union Avenue, St. Louis. The article stated that the items would be used by ACTION's youth group to manufacture beautiful African necklaces and emblems and for decorations for ACTION's Bugaloo festival on May 25, 1968.

On May 13, 1968, the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch" newspaper reported that on that date three members of ACTION chained

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the doors of the main entrance to the Human Development Corporation (HDC) in a protest against the anti-poverty agency expected renewal of a contact with the JEVS; that the doors were locked by a padlock jammed with chewing gum, and that syrup was poured on the steps; that PRECIOUS BARNES, Chairman of ACTION's Community Involvement Committee stated that HDC should be closed for all the good it does.

The June 1, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Sentinel" newspaper reported that Africa-American style came to St. Louis on May 25, 1968, as ACTION held an Afro-Bugaloo Ball where everybody was to dress as an African; that the big feature of evening was the contest to discover the most authentic African costume; that the winner of the women's best costume declared that her clothes symbolized blackness and the motto of the merry-makers was "Black is Beautiful."

On June 13, 1968, SL T-3 advised that the CP of Missouri State Convention was held on June 9, 1968, at 700 N. Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that HERSHEL WALKER, Chairman of the CP of Missouri announced that the CP National Office asked each district to have as its main concentration points - peace, civil rights, and labor groups; that during subsequent discussion it was suggested that in order to recruit members for the CP that the local newspaper be distributed at meetings of groups such as ACTION and that the paper be mailed to members of such organizations, the paper being the "Worker".

The "Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The June 13, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch" contained an article relative to ACTION's alleged charges of discrimination toward Negroes in the Evaluation and Training Center, 4300 Goodfellow Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. The article stated that the Negro employees at the center had presented a letter stating that ACTION does not represent them and that if the occasion arises these Negro employees were qualified to handle the matter themselves. The letter further praised the work of the center and stated that ACTION's dispute "stems from a situation involving a paltry handful of persons seeking revenge for their own personal and selfish reasons."

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On June 26, 1968, SL T-1 advised that ACTION planned an event to be held on July 14, 1968, which would be called ACTION's "Afro Day in the Park," and that it would be held in a public park called O'Fallon Park, St. Louis, Missouri; that tickets would be \$1.50 and that hot dogs, soda and beer would be sold.

On July 16, 1968, officials of the Intelligence Unit, St. Louis Police Department advised that three Negroes entered the personnel office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, stating that they were going to "take over the place." Each carried a vial of liquid. The police were called and the three laid on the floor until they were removed by police. They were arrested and charged with peace disturbance. They were in the office about 20 minutes and refused to explain their actions but claimed that they were members of ACTION.

The July 20-21, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" newspaper contained an article captioned, "CORE, ACTION Representatives Arrested at Rally." The article reported that twelve members of these organizations were arrested on July 19, 1968, after creating a disturbance during a political meeting at which Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE, Presidential candidate, was the speaker. PERCY GREEN, Director of ACTION, in an announcement appearing in the St. Louis "Sentinel" newspaper dated August 24, 1968, announced that his organization was calling for a boycott of the Krey Packing Company for discrimination against Negroes. GREEN was quoted as stating that Krey Packing Company had agreed to correct the problem but that a recent investigation by the group's representatives discovered that Negroes still were not employed in "meaningful jobs."

The August 31, 1968, issue of the St. Louis "Sentinel" newspaper announced that ACTION would hold its Second Annual Black Veiled Prophet Ball from 6:00 PM until Midnight on September 22, 1968, at the Club Riveria, 4460 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri; that the highlight of the ball would be the crowning of the Black Veiled Prophet and his Queen; that the Queen would be selected on the basis of the total number of votes sold on the basis of six votes for each ticket. All guests were invited to wear African style clothing.

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The August 29, 1968, issue of the "Crusader" newspaper contained an announcement by PERCY GREEN, ACTION's chairman, of a demand made in ACTION's name to JAMES HURT, President of the City of St. Louis Board of Education, and another to all black school principals. The article stated that ACTION demanded that marching bands of Negro high schools be prohibited from participating in the white Veiled Prophet parade scheduled for September 28, 1968, which opens the social season in the City of St. Louis. GREEN characterized the white Veiled Prophet parade as a white racist affair and claimed that the only purpose of using black youth in the form of bands was to save face and to further mislead black people.

The St. Louis "Argus" newspaper issued of September 6, 1968, announced that the world famous orchestra of COUNT BASIE would ride in the place of honor in the 1968 white Veiled Prophet parade, and that the band would play at the Queen's Supper, a private party held after the Veiled Prophet Ball. The article stated that the 1968 parade theme was to be, "Music is for Everyone" and that the 1968 parade would have music for everyone -- a marching college band, six singing groups from St. Louis high schools, as well as St. Louis area high school marching bands.

The St. Louis "Argus" newspaper issue of September 6, 1968, also contained a protest by PERCY GREEN, ACTION's Chairman, to the appearance of COUNT BASIE at the white Veiled Prophet Ball and parade being held in St. Louis on September 27 and 28, 1968. In the article GREEN said that he believed COUNT BASIE was tricked into the white Veiled Prophet affair by the white Veiled Prophet committee, and called upon COUNT BASIE to cancel his planned engagement. He stated that he was certain that if furnished the background and knowledge of the white Veiled Prophet affair he would not have agreed to furnish music in the first place.

V. PUBLICATION

On August 30, 1968, SL T-1 advised that the only publication ACTION has published is a picture magazine which came out on September 30, 1967, and was captioned, "ACTION -- Annual 1967 Picture Magazine." Informant stated that no publication of this magazine has been issued to date in 1968.

VI. FUNDS

On August 30, 1968, SL T-1 advised ACTION had less than \$100 in its treasury.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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OZARK KLAN OF MISSOURI

A source advised that on October 25, 1965, at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting; that on November 30, 1965, the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at 2806 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that on January 14, 1966, [REDACTED] announced at a meeting held at El Monti Tavern, 5201 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new Klavern in St. Louis, Missouri, by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Source advised that the Klavern was called Klavern #14.

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On October 24, 1967, a second source stated that its affiliation with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was terminated and the organization became an independent Klan with no national affiliation and the name was changed to Ozark Klan of Missouri.

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b7ENATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

A source advised that a series of meetings sponsored by the National States Rights Party (NSRP) were held in 1964-1965 in an effort to organize a unit in St. Louis, Missouri; that on February 11, 1964, Dr. Edward R. Fields, National Information Director, NSRP, from Birmingham, Alabama, addressed the first meeting, which was held at the St. Louis Baptist Temple, St. Louis, Missouri; that he cited the necessity of organizing the NSRP in Missouri and that on August 31, 1964, J. B. Stoner, NSRP attorney from Atlanta, Georgia, spoke at an NSRP-sponsored meeting held at New Lyon Hall, St. Louis, Missouri, at which membership applications were distributed to those in attendance. This source advised that at an NSRP-sponsored meeting held on March 28, 1965, at 3401 St. Blase Lane, St. Ann, Missouri, it was announced that a Security Division of the NSRP was to be organized and new members were to be recruited; that those individuals in attendance were told that their applications would be hand-carried to the National Headquarters of the NSRP in Birmingham, Alabama.

Another source advised that an organizational meeting for a new unit of the NSRP was held on April 10, 1965, at the home of [REDACTED] of the NSRP; that it was announced that security is a problem, but that it was planned to establish zones and groups of members within a zone as this would make it difficult to infiltrate the organization. Source stated that [REDACTED] said that the NSRP was not a political party but a patriotic American group, but that remarks made at the meeting indicated that the organization was anti-Negro and anti-Jewish. Source stated that January, 1964 issues of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the official white racial organ of the NSRP, were issued to those in attendance. b6 b7C

The first source advised that the NSRP of Missouri has a publication called "The Hurricane" and that its address is Post Office Box 1956, Bechtold Station, St. Louis, Missouri, 63118, which is also the headquarters of the NSRP of Missouri.

On January 15, 1968, source three advised that the NSRP is dormant in Missouri; that it is represented by [REDACTED] who distributes its literature occasionally to try to reactivate it. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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St. Louis, Missouri

September 13, 1968

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/26/68

Attached relates to proposed disruptive tactics in connection with the Veiled Prophet Ball and Parade to be held St. Louis, Missouri, 9/27-28/68.

Appropriate local authorities cognizant. Copy of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General.

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ACTION COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES

(ACTION) RM RACIAL MATTERS

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities For Negroes

ST. LOUIS SOURCES ADVISE THAT CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION
PLANS DISRUPTIVE TACTICS FOR THE VEILED PROPHET BALL AND
VEILED PROPHET PARADE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN AND TWENTY EIGHT RESPECTIVELY.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT ACTION IS BEHIND THE EPISCOPAL SOCIETY
FOR CULTURE AND RACIAL UNITY, A SL CHURCH GROUP WHICH WILL SPONSOR
A PARADE IN THE CLAYTON - LADUE AREA, A WEALTHY SUBURB OF THE CITY
OF ST. LOUIS, ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN COMPETITION WITH THE VEILED
PROPHET PARADE. THE VEILED PROPHET BALL AND PARADE IS A
CIVIC EVENT WHICH MARKS THE OPENING OF THE SOCIAL SEASON IN
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AS
WELL AS SECRET SERVICE AND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH INTELLIGENCE
CORPS.

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AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1020PM URGENT 9-27-68 JLS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS [redacted]

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RE SL TEL TO BUREAU SEPT TWENTY SIX LAST

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM INSTANT DATE SLPD^{ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT} ARRESTED THREE INDIVI-
DUALS WHO ATTEMPTED TO ENTER VEILED PROPHET BALL. ARRESTED WERE [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C

[redacted] OF ACTION, [redacted], AND
A NEGRO MALE JUEVENILE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. ALL CHARGED WITH FAILURE
TO OBEY REASONABLE ORDER OF POLICE OFFICER. AT SEVEN THIRTY PM INSTANT
TWELVE PICKETS REPRESENTING ACTION BEGAN PICKETING KIEL AUDITORIUM, PLACE
OF THE BALL. THEY DISCONTINUED THEIR DEMONSTRATION AT THE TIME OF THE
ARRESTS AND REGROUPED AT CENTRAL SLPD^{ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT} HDQTRS FOR ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION
STILL IN PROGRESS. H.E. [redacted] IS

DEMONSTRATORS INTEND TO MOVE TO THE CHASE-PARK PLAZA HOTEL AT
ELEVEN PM INSTANT DATE IN ORDER TO BE THERE WHEN MOST OF THE VEILED
PROPHET BALL GUESTS ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL FOR A MIDNIGHT DINNER. PICKETS
HOPE TO BE JOINED AT THE HOTEL BY SDS^{STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY} REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE CURRENT-
LY IN SESSION AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, SLMO.^{ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI}

NO OTHER ARRESTS OR RACIAL INCIDENTS ADDENDANT TO THE BALL AT THIS
TIME. EX 110 REC- 65 [redacted] b3
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ADMINISTRATIVE; U.S.A., ARMY INTELL, AND SECRET SERVICE¹⁹⁶⁸ NOTIFIED.
SUPPLEMENTAL TEL WILL FOLLOW COVERING REMAINDER OF EVENING ACTIVITIES.

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Date: 9/28/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SAC, ST. LOUIS

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: ACTION COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES
(ACTION)

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☒ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

See Letterhead Memorandum, of which eight copies
are enclosed, pertaining to possible harassment by ACTION of
the Veiled Prophet Parade in St. Louis, Mo.

The sources in LHM are [redacted] and
[redacted]

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ACTION: UACB:

RTH:jmb
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☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

St. Louis, Mo.

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Approved: [signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV.,
DEPT: ISD, [redacted]
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COMMITTEE FOR INfiltration
OF ACTION COMMITTEE
TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NEGROES
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File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

September 28, 1968

ACTION COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES
(ACTION)
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 26, 1968, a source that has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION), was planning to use disruptive tactics at the Veiled Prophet Ball and the Veiled Prophet Parade, which were scheduled to be held in the city of St. Louis on September 27 and 28, 1968.

ACTION is an offshoot of the St. Louis Chapter of the Committee of Racial Equality (CORE).

A second source advised that ACTION was behind the Episcopal Society for Culture and Racial Unity, a St. Louis church group which would sponsor a parade in the Clayton-Ladue area, a wealthy suburb of the city of St. Louis on September 28, 1968, in competition with the Veiled Prophet Parade.

The Veiled Prophet Ball and Parade is a civic event which marks the opening of the social season in the city of St. Louis.

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☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64 ☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ **Racial Matters** ☐ Klan ☐ Organization

~~Summary of Compliance:~~

Source in attached is

ACSI, OSI, 55

HOW FORM *PKS*

DATE FORN. 1/22/68

BY: Cap/CTT 1-836D

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1 - St. Louis
RBS:jmf
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☐ LHM being submitted Group III; NISRA, SL; OSI, SL
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
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Approved:

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Special Agent in Charge



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St. Louis, Missouri

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ACTION

On January 15, 1969, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available "ACTION's 1969 Program And Goals", which had been given him by [redacted] of ACTION.

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It is noted this program indicates a change in the meaning of the word "ACTION" and the word "Negro" is no longer a part of the vocabulary of ACTION.

This program calls for retaliation in the white community, under certain conditions, in the event of a killing by the police of an unarmed suspect.

It also calls for judges to spend some time, periodically, in confinement for humanity's sake. It calls for the abolition of white Christmas since it is a white racist symbol.

A copy of this program is attached.

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ENCLOSURE

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" ACTION's 1969 Program And Goals "

Modification: ACTION has dropped the words "Action Council To Improve Opportunities For Negroes." This phrase has served its purpose, describing ACTION as a civil rights organization. From now on, "ACTION" will be the only term used to describe the organization, all letters capitalized. The word "Negro" will no longer be part of ACTION's name or vocabulary. If used at all, it would have the same meaning as "Uncle Tom."

Reason: In October, 1964 when ACTION was formed, the Black community did not accept the term "Black". Not being an established organization at that time, it was most important that ACTION not use unfavorable terms that would either frighten or further confuse the Black community. To gain support of the community, ACTION used the language the community could identify with. The Black community now has accepted the term "Black" -- and ACTION is an established organization.

- PROGRAM -

I. ACTION's Battle Cry -- More and Better Paying Jobs for Black Men

Purpose: To build "Black Family Unity," the smallest unit of organization, yet the most vital of all. This can be accomplished by Black males in mass numbers employed in jobs that pay liveable wages (\$125.00 per week take home pay), so that they can become the true breadwinners of their families, or good potential breadwinners. The Black man who has economic control of his family, has the respect from his family that is due him. The Black man with this new revolutionary sense of responsibility and the experience of economic POWER can work for the best interests of his family. Hence, he is better prepared to relate to the problems of his community (I) In a very short period, the Black man will simulate those successful powers experienced in his own home in solving various problems, to community problem solving. In other words, Black men, collectively, could determine community improvements, values, and their political destiny. He now has the know-how of effective power; the power of economics, the power of force and he would know when

to apply one or the other to make certain gains, relatively speaking.

Targets - - Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Laclede Gas Co., Union Electric Co.,

Wonder Bread Co., McDonnell-Douglas Corp., and the Construction Industry. These

large companies can afford to develop on-the-job training for Black males paying them

liveable wages. Instead they continue to make excuses saying that it is too costly.

ACTION's solution to this problem is for the large companies to reverse the tactics used that excludes Black males, enabling them to become employed.

II. Humanizing the Police Department

ACTION believes that human life must take precedence over property value. This belief must be added to the police manual in form of policy, and the enforcement made public.

The manual should read:

- a) A police officer shall fire his weapon only in self-defense or in defense of a citizen.
- b) No unarmed suspect, or fleeing unarmed suspect, shall be fired upon, brutalized or framed.
- c) An officer who violates the above policy by shooting or maiming an unarmed suspect should be immediately removed from any duties and charged with "illegal discharge of firearms" and "the intent to do great bodily harm with malice". If, however, the unarmed suspect is KILLED, the officer, after being suspended from duty, would be charged with first degree murder. He would be brought to trial as would any other citizen under such a charge.

Otherwise, a "Special Black Goon Squad" should be developed for the purpose of "Even- Steven". This Black Goon Squad" should operate in the white community just as the "White Decoy Squad" operates in the Black community. The "Black Goon Squad" would utilize its license to kill white fleeing suspects and to brutalize white people whenever the opportunity arises. Law and Order should protect this squad also. The abolition of the White Decoy Squad is necessary if such a Special Black Goon Squad is not to be organized.

JAILS - -

ACTION shall continue to expose the inhumane conditions of the jails. It must not be forgotten that prisoners are still human beings. ACTION suggests that all judges, periodically, should

spend exactly one week in confinement to restore their sense of humanity, also, to experience the living conditions.

III. Establishing New Values (Human Values)

ACTION's achievements of this nature are gained through processes of education, that is, as defined by Black People. ACTION will conduct economic boycotts against all white holidays. (Easter, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc;) The purpose is to abolish senseless debts to abandon extreme credit; and to re-evaluate all material goods as they pertain to human needs or necessities.

ACTION plans also to destroy all white racist symbols - The White Veiled Prophet affair, White Santa Claus, White Christmas, White History, etc; Human beings, both Black and white, must be free of all subtle "brainwashing tactics" that perpetuate white racism.

- PLAN OF ACHIEVEMENT -

There will be as many committees appointed as necessary to achieve the goals described above. Each committee will function efficiently and with expertise. There will be at least one meeting weekly of each committee, proceeding from a planned agenda, with minutes to be kept in three copies; the order of business will take precedence over any social activity. Committee meetings will be open only to those persons who wish to work on that specific committee.

Committee chiefs will give brief progress reports at each Sunday's meeting. Chiefs of all committees will be held responsible for recruiting for their committees, informing committee members of meetings, issuing news releases about various negotiations and findings, etc;

N O COMMITTEE HAS THE POWER TO MAKE DEMANDS UPON A SUBJECT, NOR HAS A COMMITTEE THE POWER TO CALL OFF DIRECT ACTION (demonstrations after they have begun). However, a committee may make public its recommendation to ACTION's General Assembly (active ACTION members) which will vote on the details of the demands after they have been discussed and refined by the Strategy Committee.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Nun Leaves City Jail After Posting Bond

Having posted a \$1000 appeal bond after spending a night in City Jail, Sister Cecelia Goldman today said she would do it all over again.

The Maryknoll nun chained herself to two revolving doors at the downtown Famous-Barr Co. store last Dec. 4. She was found guilty yesterday of peace disturbance by Judge George W. Cady.

Fined \$500, the maximum that can be levied for peace disturbance, she was told by Judge Cady that he would stay the fine and place her on probation on payment of \$100.

Sister Cecelia was jailed and bond was set at \$1000 when she told the judge she could not accept the fine and her attorney indicated that she would appeal the conviction.

Jail, she said today moments after her release on bond, "was one of the most beautiful and most depressing experiences of my lifetime."

It was beautiful, she explained, because "the women there, in jail, were very beautiful to me. They couldn't believe I was in jail for the type of charge that was leveled against me."

And depressing, she said, "because of the especially bad conditions, completely dehumanizing." Among the "bad

conditions" which she said she had compiled into a "beautiful list of things I hope to present to Judge Cady" were her allegations that "lights were kept on all night, paint was peeling all over, the shower leaks and there was no program at all—educational, physical, mental; just nothing to do."

As to her reasons for chaining herself to the door, Sister Cecelia merely cited a petition calling for her release that was presented to Judge Cady by several Archdiocesan priests present in the courtroom yesterday. The petition read in part:

"To bring these betrayals of civil and religious traditions before the public, it was necessary for Sister Cecelia to do what she did."

"I am an active member of Action," she noted, referring to her membership in the Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes, "and although this is my first arrest for civil disobedience, I would certainly do it all over again."

"The effects of my action are apparently even disturbing the white Catholic community, and if they're disturbed, then let them be. St. Louis is a racist society, and I hope to point this out."

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

11A St. Louis Post-
Dispatch
St. Louis, Mo.

Date: 1-3-69

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Author:

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Sister Cecelia Goldman after her release on bond from City Jail (Post-Dispatch Photograph)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10357)

DATE: 1-17-69

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-20998) P

SUBJECT: (BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT
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REMYLET, 11-14-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of ACTION ATTACK
NEWS, Volume 2, Number 1, dated 1-1-69. *mo*

For the information of the Bureau, no copies of THE BLACK
COLLEGIAN have been published since the first issue, copies of which
were furnished the Bureau. b3
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The enclosed newsletter are prepared by ACTION (SLFILE:
[REDACTED] BUFILE: [REDACTED]). Both this organization and its leaders
are under active investigation by the SL Division.

Sources and informants of the SL Division have advised that
this newsletter is distributed on a very limited basis by ACTION and the
newsletter is practically unknown and without any influence in the Black
Community. Copies are given away, usually to Black organizations, and
no real attempt is made to ask for donations.

The newsletter is presumed to be prepared on a stencil machine
in the ACTION Office, at 2906 N. Union, SLMO.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

The newsletter continues to reflect ACTION's long-term demands
for the hiring of more Blacks at KREY PACKING CO. and SOUTHWESTERN BELL
CO. (page 1). Other standard ACTION complaints are directed against
alleged welfare injustice (page 4) and inequities in local poverty
program and city managed hospitals (page 2).

The above articles compose most of the column space, but the
newsletter also attempts to effect a militant posture. Page 2 contains
a filler "VIVA LA REVOLUCION" and page 3 concludes a paragraph on the
death of a young militant by saying "GET THAT GUN?"

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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SL: 100-20998

Page 3 also explains how to obtain BLACK PANTHER literature. On the same page the reader is asked if he is satisfied with his job, housing, schools, police protection, etc... If not, the reader is told "take power by any means necessary."

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REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 2-28-69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/6 - 2/20/69
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY kls
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C b6 b7C	

Title marked CHANGED to reflect current name of ACTION, formerly called ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES. *M73*

REFERENCE: SL report of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY, 9-13-68; *sent 9*
SL airtel to Bureau, 1-16-69. ✓

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LEADS

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

SEE BUREAU COPY FOR
AED. [redacted] ON.

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization in six months.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is being classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as

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NOTATIONS <i>GC [redacted] RAC INT. SEG.</i>		

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February 28, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

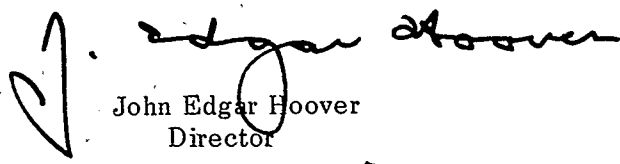
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. Secret Service St. Louis, Missouri

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: February 28, 1969

Office: ST. LOUIS

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Field Office File #: SL [REDACTED]

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ACTION

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: ACTION maintains headquarters at 2906 North Union Blvd.,
SLMO. Name of organization changed. [REDACTED] Socialist Workers b6
Party, [REDACTED] Young Socialists Alliance (YSA), members of b7C
organization, [REDACTED] on newspaper staff. ACTION officers and
activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not investigating the legitimate activities of ACTION. This investigation is being conducted solely for the purpose of determining the extent of communist infiltration, domination, and/or control.

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF~~

DATE

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I. FORMATION

On January 10, 1965 an article appeared in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here" which reported that Civil Rights organization titled Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes had been organized in St. Louis by a group led by PERCY GREEN. The article reported that ACTION was a non-violent direct action organization like the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE) and had quoted GREEN as predicting, "We will be in the streets" to force compliance with the organization's goals.

On January 15, 1965, SL T-1 advised that ACTION was formed by about ten dissident individuals who broke away from the St. Louis Chapter of CORE; that they were dissatisfied with the defeat of [REDACTED] during an election in CORE held in October, 1965, when [REDACTED] ran for Chairman. b6
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On January 15, 1969, SL T-6 made available a news letter made available by [REDACTED] of ACTION, advising that ACTION program was 1) Providing more and better paying jobs for black men; 2) Humanizing the police department; 3) Establishing new human values. b6
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II. OFFICERS OF ACTION

On January 8, 1969, SL T-1 advised that the following persons were the current officers of ACTION: -

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED] Director; b6
[REDACTED] Assistant Director; b7C
[REDACTED] Recording Secretary;
[REDACTED] Acting Recording
[REDACTED] Corresponding Secretary;
[REDACTED] Treasurer
[REDACTED] Co-Chairman, Finance Committee;
[REDACTED] Co-Chairman, Finance Committee;
[REDACTED] Chairman, Community Involvement Committee.

III. HEADQUARTERS

ACTION maintains it's headquarters and meeting hall at 2906 North Union Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number Evergreen 1-3572.

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ACTIVITIES OF ACTION

The September 13, 1968 issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" stated that the following groups had indicated their support of the Black Liberators and indicated that they would try to have representatives present at a rally scheduled for September 15, 1968 at the Page Park YMCA, 5500 Page Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to protest alleged police harassment of various organizations in the city: Students for Democratic Society (SDS), St. Louis Free Press, Committee to Support Resistance (CSR), and Womens Strike for Peace (WSP).

On August 30, 1968, a fifth confidential source advised that the Black Liberators is a militant Negro organization based in St. Louis, Missouri, and which originated in July, 1968. Their current headquarters is located at 2810 Easton Avenue. Members usually wear distinctive all-black uniform consisting of dashiki (African robe), black pants, and combat boots. Members have appeared in public bearing arms.

(SL T-5, August 30, 1968)

The St. Louis Post Dispatch is a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

A characterization of SDS appears in the appendix attached hereto.

The St. Louis Free Press is self-described as an underground newspaper and it is published on a bi-weekly basis by affiliates of the St. Louis Peace Information Center, a local center of peace groups and draft resistance activity.

The CSR is a local organization which has publicly proclaimed its support of all draft resistance activity and its opposition to the Vietnam war.

The WSP is a local chapter of a national organization which has publicly expressed its disapproval and opposition to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

On September 15, 1968, T-8 advised that the first speaker on program was PERCY GREEN, Director of ACTION and GREEN addressed the audience in terms of delineating of action

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currently being proposed in order to combat "police brutality" of the St. Louis Police Department.

GREEN advocated forming a false alarm committee that would consist of reporting false alarms and requests for police assistance. He further stated that a complete disruption of the Veil Prophet Ball, a local event which traditionally initiates the fall society season in St. Louis, Missouri. GREEN referred to Vice-President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY and RICHARD NIXON as "political prostitutes who go from city to city fanning racial hatred."

On September 13, 1968, the "Whirl", a local newspaper, which has very small public appeal, advised that ACTION sent a letter to COUNT BASIE which advised that he should re-evaluate his planned appearance at the White Veiled Prophet Parade in St. Louis, Missouri, because "he would be supporting white racism". The newspaper further stated that ACTION requested BASIE to cancel his planned engagement for this "racist affair", and that the white Veiled Prophet and sponsors are composed of big businessmen who insist upon exterminating black men through discriminatory hiring practices.

On September 26, 1968, the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" advised that ACTION announced that the Krey Packing Company continually refused to up-grade negro men and refused to hire negro women in their plant. It further announced that ACTION was advocating persons determining whether products being sold in local stores are being sold by Krey Packing Company and if so, they should not purchase items and complain to the manager.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

On September 26, 1968, SL T-2 advised that ACTION was planning to use disruptive tactics at the Veiled Prophet Ball and Parade which were scheduled to be held in city of St. Louis on September 27 and 28, 1968.

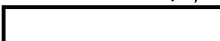
On September 26, 1968, SL T-3 advised that ACTION was behind the Episcopal Society for Culture and Racial Unity, a St. Louis church group, which would sponsor a parade in the Clayton-Ladue area, a wealthy suburb of the city of St. Louis, on February 28, 1968, in competition with the Veiled Prophet Parade.

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On September 18, 1968, the St. Louis Globe Democrat, a local newspaper, advised that occasionally an American flag flies upside down from a pole outside ACTION headquarters. PERCY GREEN, Chairman, was asked the reason and stated, "Why not. The Country is upside-down." GREEN stated "I don't belittle those who talk violence. I don't condemn them or condone them, but the way to deal with them is by rectifying the system."

On November 4, 1968, SL T-8 advised that  represented ACTION at a rally sponsored by the St. Louis Draft Resistance at Graham Chapel, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.


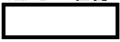

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The St. Louis Draft Resistance was organized in November, 1967, by RICHARD FREER as a local St. Louis organization which opposes the Selective Service System, the Vietnam War, and encourages the turning in of draft cards.

(SL T-4, November 4, 1968)

The St. Louis Young Socialists Alliance, the Milwaukee 14, and other organizations were present at the rally.

The Milwaukee 14 is a group of 14 individuals who were arrested in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for burning draft files.

 stated that the black community was against all white politicians. He said the peace movement emphasized the killing of white men and stated white people in this movement don't necessarily care if a black man is shot in the streets in the United States.  said that the white people have done a great job in bringing certain issues to the people and if the Vietnam War ended it would be because of their efforts and that they should rally behind the blacks.  stated that the people who destroy draft records were doing what should be done and he wondered if anyone would be destroying police department records because that is what the black people care about.

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On November 29, 1968, the St. Louis Argus, a local St. Louis newspaper, advised that ACTION had called for the elimination of Christmas debts. It further stated that ACTION had a black Christmas pain to be used this year. An economy for "black people" and "unfortunate whites", to eliminate senseless debts. It would also prevent persons from becoming completely obligated to the enemy. The article further stated that ACTION'S

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black Christmas plan is designed to scare "the hell out of those responsible for lieing and dangling cheap, dirty lollipops before us, leading good willed people to the chopping block through acts of trickery. ACTION'S idea is to stop buying, especially for Christmas and start living within their means.

On December 4, 1968, SL T-5 advised that ACTION was demonstrating against department stores in the downtown St. Louis area and the purpose of the demonstration was the objection to a "white Christmas". ACTION members indicated that money being spent in connection with Christmas purposes is being taken away from the black community. He further advised that a member of ACTION, handcuffed himself to a revolving door demonstrating ACTION'S protest against "white Christmas". On this occasion several members of ACTION were arrested by the St. Louis Police Department on General Peace Disturbance.

On January 15, 1969, SL T-6 advised that ACTION had dropped the words "Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes", from it's organization name and the word "ACTION" would be used. He further stated the purpose for the changing the name to "ACTION" was due to the fact that the original name had the word negro in it and to the organization the word negro means "Uncle Tom." He further stated that in October, 1964, when ACTION was formed the black community did not accept the term "black" and since that time the community has accepted the term "black". He further advised that ACTION plans to destroy all white racist symbols, the white Veiled Prophet affair, the white Santa Claus, and white Christmas and white History, etc.

On February 5, 1969, [REDACTED] of ACTION advised that ACTION would renew it's direct action against Bishop CARDIGAN and stated that CARDIGAN is conspiring to disregard St. Stevens Vestry, St. Louis, because it is predominantly black, and to mislead the black community.

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MR. & MRS. [REDACTED] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
SL T-9 advised the February issue of ACTION ATTACK, the organizations newspaper listed LARRY SWINGLE, member of YSA as being a member of it's staff. On February 20, 1969, SL T-9 advised that several members of ACTION hold duo memberships in YSA and ACTION organizations, namely ANTHONY and BARBARA SAPER and [REDACTED]

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On October 3, 1968, SL T-1 advised [redacted] of the Socialist Workers Party stated that he had developed a faithful youth group with regular members, to study socialism. One of the members of the group was identified as [redacted] a member of ACTION. MISSOURI b6 b7C

V. PUBLICATIONS

On August 30, 1968, SL T-1 advised ACTION published a picture magazine which came out in September, 1967, and was captioned "ACTION". He further advised that the 1968-69 edition came out in October, 1968. Informant advised they both were captioned "Action Annual (1968-69) Picture Magazine".

On January 17, 1968, SL T-1 advised that ACTION is publishing a bi-weekly newspaper which is being distributed on a very limited basis. The newspaper is practically unknown and without influence in the black community. The newspaper had articles concerning Krey Packing Company, St. Louis, Missouri, in hiring practices and complaints against the local Welfare Department, Poverty Program, City Hospitals, and Police Departments.

VI. FUNDS

On January 7, 1969, SL T-1 advised that ACTION had over \$100 in it's treasury due to it's sponsoring a dance during the past holidays.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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ACTION: BLACK LIBERATION FRONT; RM-BN

CARDINAL JOHN J. CARBERRY AND MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS
CATHEDRAL FILED SUIT INSTANT DATE IN USDC PROHIBITING FUTURE
DISRUPTIONS OF CHURCH SERVICES BY NEGRO MILITANTS, ST. LOUIS.
ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED IN RESTRAINING ORDER ARE ACTION, BLACK
LIBERATION FRONT, AND THEIR LEADER. RESTRAINING ORDER CAME
AFTER FOURTH CONTINUOUS SUNDAY OF DISRUPTION BY MILITANTS.

HEARING OF PETITION SET FOR JULY ELEVEN, SIXTYNINE,
BEFORE JUDGE JAMES H. MEREDITH AT NINE AM.

RESTRAINING ORDER NAMED [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] OF ACTION AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLACK LIBERATION FRONT.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS
PENDING LHM TO FOLLOW.

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and Attorney General. Date 7/11/69

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The January 10, 1965, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here" which reported the recent formation of ACTION (Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes) headed by Chairman Percy Hinton Green. The article reported that ACTION would seek improvement of Negro economic conditions through direct action against the establishment.

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300PM URGENT 7-13-69 AEM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED])

① ACTION, RM

ON INSTANT DATE MEMBERS OF ACTION, LOCAL NEGRO ACTIVIST GROUP
IN ST. LOUIS, APPEARED AT THE OLD RIVERFRONT CATHEDRAL. THEY WERE GIVEN
PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CONGREGATION DURING THE SERVICES. AN ACTION
REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDING WHITE RACISM IN THE
CHURCHES. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AND THE GROUP LEFT WITHOUT FURTHER
INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS OR RACIAL INCIDENTS ADDENDANT.

USA, SS, AND MILITARY INTEL. ADVISED.

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440PM URGENT 7-20-69 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED]

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MEMBERS OF ACTION VISITED ONE CHURCH IN SL AREA INSTANT. WERE
REFUSED ADMITTANCE. NO INCIDENTS OR ARREST.

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Re SL Tel to Bureau, 7/13/69.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning church appearances on Black Militants on 7/13/69.

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St. Louis, Missouri

July 15, 1969

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The July 14, 1969, issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article on page 10A which related that members of ACTION visited three predominantly white churches locally, on July 13, 1969. The article further related that members of the Black Liberation Front (BLF) addressed one church by invitation.

HEAD OF ACTION is a local Negro activist group in St. Louis whose members include both Negroes and Whites. It is headed by PERCY GREEN. MO.

ORIGINATOR OF
BLACK LIBERATION
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BLF is a recently organized group in St. Louis which is originated by OCIE PASTARD and JAMES HENRY ROLLINS, two self-described "Black Militants." The purpose of BLF was first stated as the implementation of the demands of the "Black Manifesto" but subsequently it modified its goals to be more "relevant" to the St. Louis area.

This newspaper article reflected that the members of ACTION spoke at the following churches: Luthern Memorial Church, 1319 Boland Place, Richmond Heights, Missouri, Bethel Luthern Church, 7001 Forsyth Boulevard, University City, Missouri, and the Old Riverfront Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri. Speakers discussed "White racism" in the churches and asked for financial aid to advance the cause of poor Negroes.

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The article also related that PASTARD and ROLLINS addressed the Ladue Presbyterian Chapel, 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, Missouri. Other speakers included Negro ministers Reverend WILLIAM GILLESPIE and Reverend DONALD REGISTER, as well as local fourth Ward Alderman JOSEPH W. B. CLARK. This panel spoke to a program of church officers which was scheduled

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after the regular morning service and many members of the congregation attended the panel session. Most of the discussion concerned race relations in general.

On July 13, 1969, the records of the St. Louis Police and the St. Louis County Police reflected that there was no racial incidents or arrests in connection with the above four demonstrations.

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RE: ACTION;
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Re St. Louis teletype, 7/10/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

Copies are being distributed locally to the USA, Secret Service and 113th MI Group III.

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St. Louis, Missouri

July 15, 1969

ACTION; BLACK LIBERATION FRONT; RACIAL MATTERS

On July 11, 1969, Cardinal John J. Carberry and members of the St. Louis Cathedral, filed suit in U. S. District Court against Action, Black Liberation Front, [redacted] and [redacted] prohibiting future disruptions of church services by these Negro Militants in St. Louis. The suit was filed and a restraining order issued after the fourth continuous Sunday of disruption of church services by militants.

The restraining order names [redacted] and [redacted] as leaders and agents of Action, and representatives of the class of members of Action. Also named are [redacted] and [redacted] as individuals and as representatives of the class of members of the Black Liberation Front.

A hearing has been scheduled for July 21, 1969, at 10:00 a.m. at the U. S. Court House and Custom House, 1114 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, before Judge James H. Meredith, U. S. District Judge, on the petitioners' prayer for a preliminary injunction pending trial.

ACTION is a Negro Activist Group in St. Louis, Missouri, which has both Negro and white members.

Black Liberation Front is a local group in St. Louis, Missouri, which is publicly dedicated to obtaining "financial reparations" from white churches, which funds are to be given to the Negro community.

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FROM ST. LOUIS ([REDACTED]) 1P

SUBJECT: ACTION

RM RESLTEL TO BUREAU DTD 7-28-69

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWENTY MEMBERS
OF ACTION MARCHED IN FRONT OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
YESTERDAY. MARCH LASTED FOR TWO ZERO MINUTES WITHOUT INCIDENT
OR ARREST.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISE THAT THE SAME GROUP WOULD RETURN
ON INSTANT DATE TO PICKET AGAINST ALLEDGED DISCRIMINATORY
JOB HIRING AT SOUTHWESTERN BELL. U. S. ATTORNEY, SECRET SERVICE,
AND MILITARY INTELL ADVISED

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4:00 PM URGENT 7-28-69 JPS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] 1-P

SUBJECT: ACTION

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SLPD INTELL UNIT ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF
ACTION, LOCAL BLACK ACTIVIST GROUP, WILL PICKET
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, DOWNTOWN OFFICE,
COMMENCING AT FOUR THIRTY PM INSTANT DATE. PICKETTING
IS TO PROTEST ALLEDGED DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES OF
THIS FIRM. U.S. ATTORNEY, SECRET SERVICE, AND MILITARY
INTELL ADVISED

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ST. LOUIS FILE 157-4881

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1058PM URGENT 8-3-69 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS

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SOURCE RELIABLE ADVISED THAT ST. JOHNS BACILLACUS CHURCH, ST. PETERS CATHOLIC AND ST PAUL LUTHERAN VISITED BY MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. DEMANDS READ AND MEMBERS OF GROUP LEFT WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARREST.

THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL PASSED OUT LEAFLETS BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH, TOWER GROVE BAPTIST.

SECRET SERVICE, MI, USA ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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1137AM URGENT 8-4-71 WMB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS (92-2235)

ACTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING-HOBBS ACT: RM.

RE ST. LOUIS NITEL, AUG. THREE, LAST.

MEETING WITH USA'S OFFICE SCHEDULED FOR ELEVEN THIRTY A.M.
AUG. FOUR, INSTANT BY NEGRO EMPLOYEES OF CONTINENTAL BAKING CO.,
CANCELLED. INSTEAD, APPROXIMATELY SIX OF THESE EMPLOYEES WITH
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAACP WILL MEET AT USA'S OFFICE AT
TEN A.M., AUG. NINE, NEXT SINCE LOCAL NAACP IS BACKING EMPLOYEES
OF CONTINENTAL BAKING CO. IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR INVESTIGATION OF
ACTION GROUP BY U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE. USA AND SLPD ADVISED

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW.

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11:02PM NITEL 8-10-71 NEH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS (92-2235) 1P

ACTION AR-RM

RE SL LHM, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND SL TEL, EIGHT FOUR, LAST.
NEGRO EMPLOYEES OF CONTINENTAL BAKING COMPANY MET WITH
AUSA [redacted] AUG. NINE, LAST, AND AUSA ADVISED THEM
HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM BY FRIDAY, AUG. THIRTEEN, NEXT,
TO ADVISE THEM FURTHER.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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Date: 8/6/71

Transmit the following in _____

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AIRMAIL

Via _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-2235) P

RE: ACTION
ANTI-RACKETEERING;
RM

AGENCY

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BY

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 6/29/71, and St. Louis b3
teletypes 8/3 and 8/4/71. *See 85* b6Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM
regarding a boycott of Wonder Baking Co. products and Hos-
tess Cakes of the Continental Baking Co., Inc. The source
in the attached is _____ b7C
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b7E_____ who specifically requested his identity
be protected _____A copy of this LHM has been furnished to the USA
locally so he may have the benefit of all information fur-
nished to the FBI prior to the meeting at 10 AM on 8/9/71,
in referenced St. Louis teletype 8/4/71. Information in
the attached LHM was volunteered to the FBI and is not the
result of investigation. _____ again called the
FBI Office on 8/6/71, stating the purpose of the meeting
with the U. S. Attorney on 8/9/71, is to demand an inves-
tigation by the Department of Justice of ACTION and their
boycott. b6
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The Bureau will be kept advised of the 8/9/71 meeting.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 5)
1 - St. Louis
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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St. Louis, Missouri

August 6, 1971.

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ACTION

On August 3, 1971, a source advised that at 11:30 AM on August 4, 1971, he had learned that some 30 Negro employees of the Continental Baking Company who manufacture Wonder Bread, St. Louis, Missouri, would represent the Negro employees of the Continental Baking Company in St. Louis appearing at the Office of the U. S. Attorney, St. Louis, for the purpose of demanding an investigation by the U. S. Department of Justice of ACTION, a black militant group who is boycotting Continental Baking Company products alleging discrimination. The Negro employees of the Continental Baking Company feel that the boycott by ACTION is unfair and discriminating against them as well as costing the Continental Baking Company employees a portion of their wages since many of these Negro employees operate bread routes which have lost customers due to the boycott.

On August 4, 1971, this same source advised that the 30 Negro employees at Continental Baking Company who had intended on going to the U. S. Attorney's Office had changed their plans in view of the fact that arrangements had been made for approximately six of these employees together with a local representative of the NAACP to meet with one of the attorneys at the U. S. Attorney's Office at 10 AM, August 9, 1971, in order to discuss the situation involving the boycott by ACTION of Continental Baking Company products. This source stated that it was his understanding the local branch of the NAACP in St. Louis was backing the position of the Negro employees of the Continental Baking Company against ACTION and this at least to some extent was prompted by a letter sent by ACTION on their stationery over the signature of General Melvin Carr to the NAACP, 1259 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri. This letter is undated, but was believed by the source to have been received by the NAACP in mid July, 1971. A copy of this letter follows:

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P.O. BOX 21313

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(314) 381-3572

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Legal Advisor

HER MITCHELL, PhD, BHS
Troubleshooter

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NAACP

1259 N. Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear

Enclosed are copies of letters sent to merchants by
ACTION explaining the current racial discriminatory practices
by the Wonder Bread - Hostess Cake Company.

You are also aware of our boycott against their product.
As a reminder, if you choose not to support us, then don't !
But make darn sure you DO NOT publicly SUPPORT THEM - if you
should, then we have no other choice than to deal with you and
your group as we have exposed other elements working against
black progress.

Yours in Struggle,
Gen. Melvin Carr
General Melvin Carr,

Chief Advisor, ACTION
and Commander, The Guerrilla Force

P.S. That's a promise!

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ACTION

[REDACTED]
in a petition dated July 29, 1971, 16 black employees of Continental Baking Company manufacturing Wonder Bread and Hostess Cakes requested the St. Louis Branch of the NAACP to investigate why the U. S. Department of Justice would not meet with Negro representatives of the Continental Baking Company concerning their complaint against ACTION and their boycott of Continental Baking Company products. A copy of this petition follows:

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July 29, 1971

We, the undersigned black employees of Wonder Bread-Hostess Case (St. Louis), respectfully request the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to investigate the reasons that the St. Louis Division of the U. S. Justice Department has refused to meet with us regarding a complaint filed in June, 1971.

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[redacted] also made available [redacted]



[redacted] mentioned above follow:

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[redacted] advised [redacted]
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He also advised at this time it was his understanding that a store known as the Louisville Confectionery, 1423 Louisville Avenue, Richmond Heights, Missouri, a St. Louis suburb, had received in the mail on Monday, August 2, 1971, a letter from ACTION with postage due. The store refused to accept the letter and did not know its contents but the next day the same store received a telephone call from an unknown individual asking if they had received a letter from ACTION and inquiring whether or not they "needed protection". [redacted] no further information concerning this incident.

[redacted] advised in connection with the discontinuing of Wonder Bread products by [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that U. S. Senator Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri had advised [redacted] of the Continental Baking Company that he would inquiry at the Justice Department concerning action to be taken concerning the complaint of black employees of the Continental Baking Company of the unfair boycott of ACTION.

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[redacted] had inquired of U. S. Senator Stuart Symington Sr. concerning any interest Senator Symington Sr. would have in behalf of information supplied by [redacted] regarding the boycott of Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake products.

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On August 3, 1971. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	advised that on August 2, 1971	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	received a letter addressed to	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		

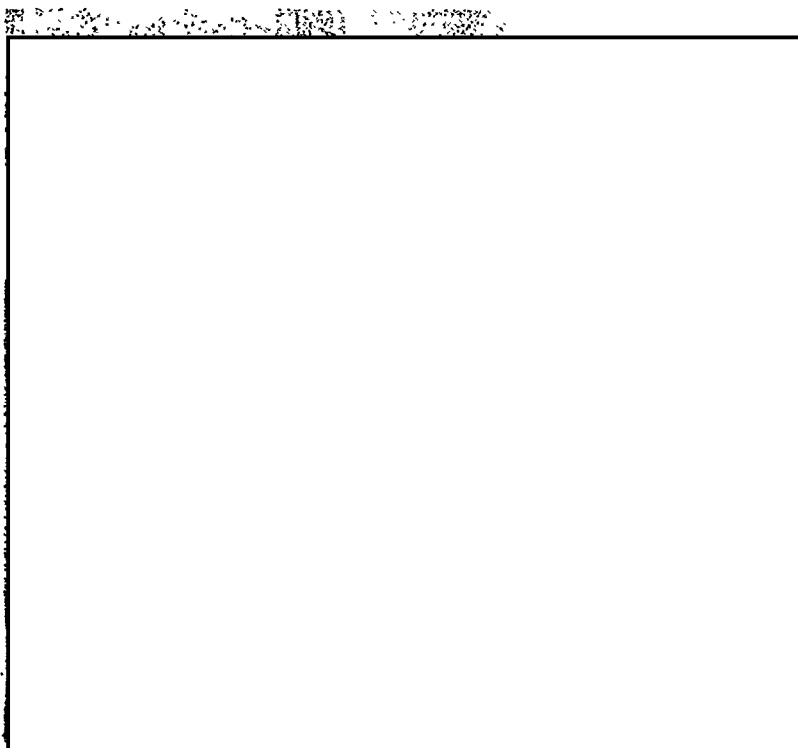
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copy of this follows:

THIS NIGGER

LO-O-OVES

HIS MASTER WHITEY



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The way this "Uncle Tom" looked when
ACTION got him his present job in 1967

ACTION

At this time [] advised that within the past four weeks Reed's Beauty Salon on the corner of Carter and Marcus Streets, St. Louis, had received a letter from ACTION demanding money and asking support of their boycott of Hostess Cake products. [] stated that this beauty shop treated customers to Hostess Cupcakes while they were receiving beauty treatments.

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[] advised that a Bi Rite Store on Easton Avenue in Wellston, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, had a window broken and it was believed this was due to the fact that they had not discontinued Wonder Bread and Hostess Cake products.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/16/71

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FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4881)

SUBJECT: *O* ACTION
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On [REDACTED] advised that the annual election for the officers of captioned organization would be held on Sunday night, 12/19/71.

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UACB, St. Louis Division will delay submission of six month report until the results of this election are available. Report will be submitted on or before 12/31/71.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
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11/8/71

TO SAC ST. LOUIS (92-2235)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. Adams

[REDACTED] ACTION; ITT CONTINENTAL BAKING CO., INC. -
VICTIM. AR - HOBBS ACT.

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REURAIRTEL NOVEMBER FOUR, LAST.

PRIOR TO AFFORDING CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING BUREAU
AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY USA, FURTHER SPECIFICS
ARE NECESSARY SINCE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO CONFER WITH MANAGEMENT
AND LABOR SECTION, CRIMINAL DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN
DETERMINATION WHETHER INVESTIGATION WARRANTED REGARDING
POSSIBLE HOBBS ACT VIOLATION. YOUR OFFICE REQUESTED TO
RECONTACT USA TO SECURE NATURE OF INFORMATION ALLEGEDLY IN
POSSESSION OF FOUR PERSONS NAMED IN REAIRTEL, PARTICULARLY
ASCERTAINING WHETHER INFORMATION INCLUDES ANY INDICATION OF
DEMAND FOR PROPERTY WHICH INVOLVES EXTORTION AS DEFINED IN
HOBBS ACT. EXTORTION IS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THAT STATUTE.

IT IS NOTED THAT, TO DATE, THIS MATTER HAS PERTAINED TO
BOYCOTT BY SUBJECTS ON RACIAL ISSUE WHEREIN NAACP WAS INVOLVED
IN DISPUTE WITH ACTION AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE USA MEDIATE SITUATION.

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NITEL TO SAC SL
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BUREAU NEEDS TO HAVE FACTS IN ADDITION TO REPORT THAT FOUR INDIVIDUALS HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HOBBS ACT VIOLATION: NAMELY, TYPE OF INFORMATION, SOURCE OF INFORMATION, INDICATION WHETHER THESE PERSONS ARE VICTIMS OF BOYCOTT, OR OTHER GERMAINE DATA. ALSO, VIEWS OF USA ARE DESIRABLE AS TO HOW HE WOULD INTEND TO PROCEED UNDER HOBBS ACT, SUCH AS WHAT HE WOULD CONSIDER EXTORTION AS DEFINED IN STATUTE. IN ADDITION, USA SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN HIS PLANS TO FOLLOW DEPARTMENT FEDERAL STATE PROSECUTION POLICY WHICH GENERALLY REQUIRES DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO INSTITUTE FEDERAL PROSECUTION ON SAME SET OF FACTS WHEN LOCAL PROSECUTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INITIATED, IT BEING NOTED STATE AG HAS BROUGHT CHARGES IN SL CIRCUIT COURT CONCERNING BOYCOTT MATTER. IN EVENT USA HAS CONFERRED WITH DEPARTMENT, BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED IN THIS REGARD.

SUAIRTEL ENCLOSING LHM WHEREIN THERE ARE SET FORTH FULL FACTS IN REAIRTEL AND RESULTS OF RECONTACT WITH USA. IN EVENT USA STILL FEELS FBI INVESTIGATION JUSTIFIED AS TO POSSIBLE HOBBS ACT VIOLATION, COVER AIRTEL SHOULD CONTAIN DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUR OFFICE AS TO WHETHER SUCH INVESTIGATION WARRANTED.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 1-10-72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/24/71-1/7/72
TITLE OF CASE ACTION		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY amw
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - BN	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 5-18-71, SL. *See 81*

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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[redacted] ACTION, is subject of SL
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[redacted] is subject of [redacted] no Bufile, however, report with recommendation for consideration under ADEX is currently being prepared.

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APPROVED *W.A. Sullivan* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- 1 - 113th MI Group III, St. Louis
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SL 157-4881

As the Bureau is aware, [] and ACTION are currently being investigated under []; ACTION; ITT Continental Baking Co., Inc. - VICTIM, AR - HOBBS ACT."

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INFORMANTS

SL T-1 is [] located []

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LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization in six months.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, St. Louis (RM)
1 - 113th Military Intelligence, Group III, St. Louis

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 10, 1972

Office: St. Louis

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Field Office File #: SL 157-4881

Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: ACTION

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Synopsis: ACTION has continued peaceful picketing and boycotting to attract attention to economic plight of black workers. Principal activity since May, 1971, has been continuance of boycott against ITT Continental Baking Co. and its Wonder Bread and Hostess products, SLMO. ACTION continues under leadership of [REDACTED] Chairman, and maintains headquarters at 4154 Newstead, SLMO.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the ACTION group. The investigation is being conducted primarily to determine militant aspects of this organization.

BACKGROUND~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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SL 157-4881

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes formed in 1965, in St. Louis, Missouri, changed name to ACTION in 1969. ACTION's membership includes black and white adults and a youth group "Action Guerrillas." ACTION advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketing, boycotts, and demonstrations with arrests of members attracting attention to issues.

HEADQUARTERS

ACTION's headquarters continues to be 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, second floor, with telephone 381-3572.

(SL T-1, December 20, 1971)

OFFICERS

In December, 1971, [redacted] was elected chairman of ACTION. [redacted] unopposed for this office.

[redacted] was unopposed Mo. for the office of vice-chairman. Every activity of ACTION is undertaken under the guidance and direction of [redacted] b6
[redacted] has been active in leading the boycott against the b7C
ITT Continental Baking Company. of Subject organization

(SL T-1, December 20, 1971)

ACTIVITIES

An article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that a group of forty black driver-salesmen for the ITT Continental Baking Company had filed a complaint with the St. Louis Human Relations Council charging ACTION with racial discrimination.

A news release by GEORGE JOHNSON of ACTION indicated ACTION wants the percentage of blacks working for the ITT Continental Baking Company increased from 47 per cent to 55 per cent.

(SL T-1, August 20, 1971)

SL 157-4881

An article in The St. Louis Argus, September 10, 1971, indicated that ACTION had reissued demands on the St. Louis City School Board to rename three predominantly black high schools to honor "Black Men of Struggle." A fourth high school should be renamed to honor ANGELA DAVIS, "a Black Woman of Struggle."

The St. Louis Argus is a Negro-oriented weekly newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

ANGELA DAVIS is a self-admitted member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, California, currently standing trial in California to answer murder-kidnaping charges.

An article in Student Life, October 1, 1971, a student publication at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that ACTION, a St. Louis black human rights organization, is calling for a boycott of all school classes to support the campaign to rename four St. Louis area high schools after black men and women of struggle.

An article in the St. Louis American, November 4, 1971, indicated that black salesmen of Wonder Bread complained they have been hurt most by ACTION's boycott.

The St. Louis American is a weekly Negro-oriented newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

An article in The St. Louis Argus, November 5, 1971, indicated ACTION instructed merchants to refrain from stocking Wonder Bread - Hostess Cake products until June, 1972. "JUDGE" GEORGE JOHNSON indicated many ACTION members have prepared to go to jail if necessary to enforce fair employment for blacks at the Wonder-Hostess Company.

An article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, November 17, 1971, indicated the Missouri Commission on Human Rights met to begin an investigation of charges that ACTION's boycott of ITT Continental Baking Company is discriminatory. According to the article, Missouri Attorney General JOHN C. DANFORTH has filed suit charging PERCY GREEN and Colonial Baking Company with conspiring in the boycott against ITT Continental Baking Company.

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, December 27, 1971, carried an editorial indicating:

"After investigating the boycott by ACTION against ITT Continental Baking Co., the Missouri Commission on Human Rights accused the St. Louis civil rights organization of a 'farce and cruel joke.'

"'In the name of bettering the life of blacks, ACTION attacks the bakery providing the best job opportunities in the St. Louis area and has even distributed literature encouraging blacks to buy from a competitor (Colonial) who hires less than one-third of the blacks employed by Continental.'

"The Human Rights Commission has performed a public service in demonstrating what a faker Percy Green is and what a travesty on the civil rights movement ACTION is."

Members of ACTION participated in picketing against the commercialism of Christmas at the Northwest Plaza Shopping Center, in a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. No serious incidents arose from this picketing, on December 18, 1971.

(SL T-1, December 20, 1971)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

January 10, 1972

Title ACTION

Character EXTREMIST MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] b6
[redacted] January 10, 1972, St. Louis, b7C
Missouri

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS	DATE 7-6-72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/26/72 - 7/6/72
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REFERENCE: St. Louis report of SA [redacted], 1-10-72.

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[redacted] Action, is subject of St. Louis file [redacted], Bureau file [redacted] and is on Adex #3.

[redacted] is the subject of St. Louis file [redacted], Bureau file [redacted] and is not on ADEX.

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THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization in six months.

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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: ST. LOUIS

Date: July 6, 1972

Field Office File #: SL 157-4881 Bureau File #: [REDACTED]

Title: ACTION

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EXTREMIST MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST**Character:**

Synopsis: ACTION has continued picketing, boycotting and demonstrating against ITT Continental Baking Co. ACTION has issued releases and sought publicity, attracting attention to its efforts to improve job opportunities for blacks. ACTION continues under the leadership of [REDACTED] and maintains headquarters at 4154 Newstead, St. Louis, Mo.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not investigating the legitimate activities of the ACTION group. The investigation is being conducted primarily to determine militant aspects of this organization.

BACKGROUND

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes formed in 1965, in St. Louis, Missouri, changed its name to ACTION in 1969. ACTION's membership includes black and white adults and a youth group "Action Guerrillas." ACTION advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketing, boycotts, and demonstrations with arrests of members attracting attention to issues.

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HEADQUARTERS

ACTION's headquarters continues to be 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Second Floor, with telephone number 381-3572.

(SL T-1, July 3, 1972)

OFFICERS

In December, 1971, [redacted] elected chairman of ACTION. [redacted] was unopposed for this office. [redacted] was unopposed for the office of vice-chairman. Every activity of ACTION is undertaken under the guidance and direction of [redacted] [redacted] has been active in leading the boycott against the ITT Continental Baking Company.

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(SL T-1, December 20, 1971)
(SL T-1, July 3, 1972)

ACTIVITIES

Weekly meetings of ACTION are held at its headquarters. Committees known as Housing, Church, Employment and Police Brutality report on current issues seeking to improve opportunities for Negroes and to attract attention to issues.

(SL T-1, July 6, 1972)

On February 4, 1972, members of the ACTION organization appeared at the Episcopal Diocesan Convention at the Christ Church Cathedral and took over the microphone from Bishop CADIGAN to read a leaflet demanding that the convention support the boycott of Wonder Bread and discipline the Attorney General of Missouri for supporting big business against the black community.

(SL T-2, February 14, 1972)

ACTION circulated a news release dated February 14, 1972, entitled "Racism in the Catholic Church" reviewing its exposing of racism for several years.

(SL T-2, February 29, 1972)

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ACTION was circulating a flyer "No School" indicating classes in St. Louis high schools should be boycotted on March 3, 1972. This flyer constituted an invitation to persons to hear Chairman PERCY GREEN speak in support of naming four St. Louis City high schools with largely black enrollment for black leaders.

(SL T-1, March 1, 1972)

ACTION circulated a news release dated March 5, 1972 by the Police Brutality Committee critical of the St. Louis Police Department in 1970.

(SL T-1, March 8, 1972)

ACTION circulated a letter dated March 6, 1972, which was addressed to Secretary of Defense M. LAIRD. This letter indicated that Mc Donnell-Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, is still in violation of fair employment when it concerns black St. Louisans.

According to an article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, a daily newspaper circulated in St. Louis, dated March 27, 1972, ACTION charged that the Union Electric Company does not employ a sufficient number of blacks. ACTION demanded that the utility maintain a forty-seven per cent (47%) level of blacks in its black force.

ACTION circulated a news release dated April 3, 1972, "Action Makes Demands on Juvenile Court Officials". This release was prompted by a tougher policy of a new Juvenile Court judge.

(SL T-1, April 10, 1972)

An article in the St. Louis American, dated April 27, 1972, indicates the ITT Continental Baking Company has been boycotted by the ACTION organization for several years. According to the article Wonder Bread is the big target, but up until recently ACTION based its reason solely on alleged racial discrimination and biased upgrading procedures. According to the article the boycott and picketing is being continued because of ITT's involvement in the Vietnam War.

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The St. Louis American is a weekly
Negro-oriented newspaper published in
St. Louis, Missouri.

ACTION circulated a news letter dated May 31,
1972 concerning racist employment practices in St. Louis
County school districts.

(SL T-1, June 6, 1972)

ACTION directed a letter to the Federal
Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C., dated June 4, 1972.
This letter asked that station KMOX be taken off the air
if it continues to refuse equal time to the ACTION organ-
ization as it has to the St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese.

(SL T-1, June 6, 1972)



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*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

St. Louis, Missouri

July 6, 1972

Title

ACTION

Character

EXTREMIST MATTERS -
BLACK NATIONALIST

Reference

St. Louis report dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Enclosed herewith are five copies of an
 LHM reflecting activities of the "ACTION" organization
 with the Wonder Bread Company, St. Louis, Mo.

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Saint Louis, Missouri

July 31, 1972

ACTION

On July 31, 1972, [redacted] Sixth District, St. Louis City Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that on instant date members of "ACTION" picketed the Wonder Bread Company, 6301 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, for five or six hours. Two of the picketers dressed as painters suddenly dumped two buckets of green liquid food coloring into one of the large buckets of bread dough.

Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes formed in 1965, St. Louis, Missouri, changed its name to ACTION in 1969. ACTION's membership includes black and white adults and a youth group "Action Guerrillas". ACTION advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketing, boycotts, and demonstrations with arrests of members attracting attention to issues.

[redacted] advised that both subjects were arrested and charged by his department with malicious mischief. The subjects were identified as [redacted] of 4154 North Newstead, St. Louis, Missouri, which address is the headquarters of ACTION.

Members
On July 31, 1972, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, declined prosecution in favor of local prosecution. (possible violation of Hobbs Act).

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REFERENCE: St. Louis report of SA [redacted] 7-6-72,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: ACTION

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, St. Louis

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: December 27, 1972

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Field Office File #: SL 157-4881

Bureau File #: 157-139818

Title: ACTION

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALISTS

Synopsis: ACTION has issued news releases and sought publicity attracting attention to its efforts to improve job opportunities for Blacks. ACTION continues under the leadership of [REDACTED] Chairman, and maintains headquarters at 4154 Newstead, St. Louis, Mo. Two members of ACTION were arrested during picketing of the Wonder Bread Co., St. Louis, Mo., during 7/72.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The FBI is not investigating the legitimate activities of the ACTION organization. Investigation is being conducted primarily to determine the militant aspects of this organization.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) OF [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND

The Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes was founded in 1965 in St. Louis, Missouri and changed its name to Action in 1969. Action membership includes black and white adults and a youth group "Action Guerrillas". Action advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketing, boycotts and demonstrations with the arrest of members attracting attention to the issue.

HEADQUARTERS

Action's headquarters continues to be located at 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, second floor, telephone 381-3572.

(SL T-1, July 31, 1972
August 31, 1972)

OFFICERS

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210 Action's leaders continue to be [redacted]

[redacted]
Chief Advisor. Every activity of Action is undertaken under the guidance and direction of [redacted]

(SL T-1, October 16, 1972)

ACTIVITIES

Action holds weekly meetings at its headquarters. Committees known as Housing, Church, Employment and Police Brutality will report on current issues seeking to improve opportunities for Negroes and to attract attention to the issues.

(SL T-1, August 7, 1972
October 16, 1972)

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On July 31, 1972, two members of Action were arrested as a result of pouring two buckets of green liquid food coloring into one of the large buckets of bread dough at the Wonder Bread Company, St. Louis, Missouri. This incident climaxed approximately six hours of picketing this company by members of Action.

(SL T-2, July 31, 1972)

On July 24, 1972, SL T-1 advised that Action issued a news release charging Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri, with discrimination in hiring and upgrading of blacks.

By letter dated July 3, 1972, to five real estate companies (slum-lords) in St. Louis, Action's housing committee made the following demands to be met within 14 days. The letter indicated failure to comply would be met with direct action against the companies.

1. That rent be set at 15% of tenants' adjusted income. Action will determine adjustments.
2. That all repairs, renovation, and building, contracting and sub-contracting must be done by a work force that is 50% minority (including Blacks, females, etc.).
3. That houses shall be built and apartments renovated to accomodate the need for all large families, including those families consisting of a mother and her children.
4. That all apartments rented and houses sold must meet standards as set out in St. Louis City Ordinance #51637, with amendments ("Minimum Housing Standards") and Ordinance #56091 ("Lead Poisoning Control Law").
5. That all houses and apartments which are structurally sound must be renovated and inspected before people move in. All vacant buildings must be brought up to standards before rented or sold. If dwellings are occupied, occupants must be moved into adequate (approved by Inspector) houses, apartments or hotels at realtors' expense, until renovations are made.

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6. That if houses or apartments are not structurally sound, they must be demolished and replaced.

7. That profit from any houses sold must be put in an escrow fund for one year for the purpose of making repairs.

8. That any repairs requested by tenants must be made within 48 hours, and are subject to Inspection.

9. That all developments must include an economic and racial mix commensurate with that of the total community. Units must be made to standards which will attract semi-skilled, skilled, and professional people, and large and small families.

10. That Inspectors shall be appointed by Action.

On October 16, 1972, SL T-1 advised that he has no information to indicate any further action was taken by Action regarding the above matter.

On August 2, 1972, Action issued a news release criticizing the St. Louis Police Department for unnecessary brutality.

(SL T-1, August 7, 1972)



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St. Louis, Missouri

December 27, 1972

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EXTREMIST MATTER

Reference

St. Louis report dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI () DATE: 5/17/73

FROM : *KJTH* SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4881) (P)

SUBJECT: ACTION
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ACTION was formed in St. Louis in 1/65 with the announced purpose of implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It was further to be a direct action organization that would be in the streets to force compliance with its goals, that is, improvement of living conditions and job opportunities for Negroes. Investigation was instituted forthwith to determine if there was any CPUSA influence in this organization and investigation of this group has been continuous since 1965. More recently, investigation has been conducted primarily to determine the militant aspects of ACTION. Whatever small influence the CPUSA ever had in ACTION has long since disappeared. Furthermore, investigation of ACTION has shown this organization is a civil rights organization and it is not involved with any extremist activities.

ACTION is a legitimate civil rights organization and has black and white members and officers, namely the group engages in picketing, boycotts and demonstrations of St. Louis businesses, and solicits the rest of its members to attract attention to the issues at hand. It does not advocate violence and has not resorted to the use of weapons, bombs or incendiary devices during any of its activities.

Activities of ACTION have in the past fallen within the purview of the Hobbs Act and it is likely that future activities also will. Hobbs Act violations by members of ACTION could be handled under individual cases.

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[redacted] (SL file [redacted] Bufile [redacted])
has been the leader of ACTION since its inception and every
activity of ACTION is undertaken under his guidance and
direction.

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Inasmuch as investigation of ACTION has pointed up
that ACTION is a civil rights organization, not involved
with extremist activities, Bureau permission is requested to
submit a closing report in this matter and discontinue inves-
tigation of this organization.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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St. Louis, Missouri

June 1, 1972

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RACIAL MATTERS ORGANIZATION
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ST. LOUIS File [redacted]

The January 10, 1965, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here" which reported the recent formation of ACTION (Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes) headed by Chairman Percy Hinton Green. The article reported that ACTION would seek improvement of Negro economic conditions through direct action against the establishment.

In January, 1969, ACTION published a three page statement of purpose and programs. It stated that "Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes" had been dropped and "ACTION" would now be the full name of the organization.

A source advised in May, 1972, that [redacted] is still the Chairman of ACTION. Source advised that ACTION's membership includes both Negro and white adults and a teenage contingent called "ACTION Guerrillas." ACTION generally advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketting, boycotts, and demonstrations during which its members may seek to be arrested to attract attention to controversial issues.

Source: [redacted]

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED] DATE: 6-8-73

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4881) (C)

SUBJECT: ACTION
EM - BN

OO: ST. LOUIS

LeP Re Bureau routing slip, 6-4-73 and St. Louis
letter to Bureau, 5-17-73 *per 47*

Investigation of ACTION has not shown this organization to be involved in any extremist activities. ACTION continues to function as a civil rights organization employing picketing, boycotts and demonstrations as a means towards improving housing and employment opportunities for Negroes. No pertinent information has been developed regarding current activities of ACTION. Therefore, this case is being placed in a closed status in accordance with instructions in referenced routing slip.

St. Louis submitted thumbnail characterization and abbreviated characterization of ACTION dated 5/22/73. Both of these characterizations are still applicable and St. Louis is not submitting any additional ones at this time. *B*

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Saint Louis, Missouri

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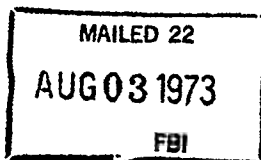
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ST. LOUIS FILE 157-4881

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Sources: [redacted]

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St. Louis, Missouri

May 22, 1973

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ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION
BUREAU FILE [REDACTED]
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FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-4881) C
SUBJECT: ACTION
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OO: SL

DATE: 7/18/74

Re Houston telephone call to St. Louis, 7/10/74,
and Houston airtel to Bureau, 7/11/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM concerning previous SL investigation of civil rights oriented group known as ACTION. Two copies being furnished Houston for their information.

For the information of Houston, ACTION investigation in SL has continued over a period of nearly eight years. This investigation was instituted in 1965 to determine militancy in the group as well as subversive influence other groups, such as CPUSA, might have in the group. During this time period investigation has failed to indicate statutory basis for violations and any degree of subversive influence in the group has long since disappeared. ACTION continues to function basically as a civil rights organization, employing picketing, boycotts, demonstrations and, on occasion, arrests as means towards improving housing and employment opportunities for the black community in St. Louis. The group constantly seeks support and publicity of its goals through the media.

Although McDonnell Douglas Corporation has been a main target of the organization for many years, ACTION has also directed its efforts toward numerous other groups such as construction companies, local government and the media. ACTION's basic self-proclaimed aims at McDonnell Douglas Corporation are to improve alleged deficiencies in employment opportunities and to eliminate discrimination against blacks.

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The SL division of McDonnell Douglas Corporation has been and is cognizant of ACTION and its activities. The corporation has on occasion been a complainant in

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incidents at the local McDonnell plant which have resulted in arrest of ACTION members for trespassing and disturbance of peace. SL will continue to follow ACTION through established sources and the media and will reopen this case when it appears statutory basis may exist or when it appears additional investigation is warranted.

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The January 10, 1965 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article captioned, "Civil Rights Action Group Formed Here" which reported the recent formation of ACTION (Action Committee to Increase Opportunities for Negroes) headed by Chairman Percy Hinton Green. The article reported that ACTION would seek improvement of Negro economic conditions through direct action against the establishment.

In January, 1969, ACTION published a three page statement of purpose and programs. It stated that "Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes" had been dropped and "ACTION" would now be the full name of the organization.

A source advised in May, 1973, that [redacted] is still the Chairman of ACTION. Source advised that ACTION's membership includes both Negro and white adults and a teenage contingent called "ACTION Guerrillas". ACTION generally advocates non-violent measures but actively engages in picketing, boycotts, and demonstrations during which its members may seek to be arrested to attract attention to controversial issues.

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Predication

Investigation in this matter instituted based on information which indicated ACTION is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, 2385, Advocating Overthrow of Government, 2383 Rebellion or Insurrection, or 2384, Seditious Conspiracy.

Headquarters

ACTION headquarters are located at 4154 Newstead Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., telephone number 381-3572. (SL T-1, July 31, 1972, August 31, 1972)

Officers

ACTION's leaders are [redacted] is the Chief Advisor. Every activity of ACTION is undertaken under the guidance and direction of [redacted] (SL T-1, October 16, 1972)

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Activities

ACTION holds weekly meetings at its headquarters. Committees known as Housing, Church, Employment and Police Brutality report on current issues seeking to improve opportunities for blacks and to attract attention to the issues. (SL T-1, August 7, 1972, October 16, 1972)

On July 31, 1972, two members of ACTION were arrested as a result of pouring two buckets of green liquid food coloring into one of the large buckets of bread dough at the Wonder Bread Company, St. Louis, Missouri. This incident climaxed approximately six hours of picketing this company by members of ACTION. (SL T-2, July 31, 1972)

On July 24, 1972, SL T-1 advised that ACTION issued a news release charging Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo., with discrimination in hiring and upgrading of blacks.

By letter dated July 3, 1972, to five real estate companies (slum-lords) in St. Louis, ACTION's housing committee made the following demands to be met within 14 days. The letter indicated failure to comply would be met with direct action against the companies.

1. That rent be set at 15% of tenants' adjusted income. ACTION will determine adjustments.
2. That all repairs, renovation and building, contracting and sub-contracting must be done by a work force that is 50% minority (including Blacks, females, etc.)
3. That houses shall be built and apartments renovated to accomodate the need for all large families, including those families consisting of a mother and her children.
4. That all apartments rented and houses sold must meet standards as set out in St. Louis City Ordinance #51637, with amendments ("Minimum Housing Standards") and Ordinance #56091 ("Lead Poisoning Control Law").
5. That all houses and apartments which are structurally sound must be renovated and inspected before people move in. All vacant buildings must be brought up to

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standards before rented or sold. If dwellings are occupied occupants must be moved into adequate (approved by Inspector) houses, apartments or hotels at realtors' expense, until renovations are made.

6. That if houses or apartments are not structurally sound, they must be demolished and replaced.

7. That profit from any houses sold must be put in an escrow fund for one year for the purpose of making repairs.

8. That any repairs requested by tenants must be made within 48 hours, and are subject to inspection.

9. That all developments must include an economic and racial mix commensurate with that of the total community. Units must be made to standards which will attract semi-skilled, skilled and professional people, and large and small families.

10. That Inspectors shall be appointed by ACTION.

On October 16, 1972, SL T-1 advised that he has no information to indicate any further action was taken by ACTION regarding the above matter.

On August 2, 1972, ACTION issued a news release criticizing the St. Louis Police Department for unnecessary brutality.

On May 30, 1974, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following news release concerning ACTION demonstrations at McDonnell Douglas plant:

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FOR: IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TO : ALL NEWS MEDIA
FROM: ACTION HEADQUARTERS
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

May 29, 1974

JUDGE GEORGE JOHNSON - VICE CHM.
(314) 381-3572

A.C.T.I.O.N. PAYS MCDONNELL'S PLANT ANOTHER PROTEST VISIT

Five more A.C.T.I.O.N. members, in a protest demonstration, again gained entrances to three McDonnell-Douglas' heavily secured buildings. However, only two persons identified themselves to company officials as ^{MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION} Major Harry Green and ^{MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION} Captain Harold Robinson of ACTION's Guerrilla Force, the youth arm of the ^{MO} parent organization. They said their mission was to conduct an on-the-spot inspection of the extent of racial discrimination now being practiced.

A.C.T.I.O.N. is a St. Louis based human rights organization which has been combatting racial discriminatory practices at McDonnell Douglas Corporation for ten years.

ACTION's Vice-chairman George "Judge" Johnson said "the other three ACTION members operating in separate buildings, gathered their data and left their building unnoticed, except for leaving behind only that evidence to indicate they had been there."

He further explained that this unexpected inspection could also assist ACTION to determine the scope of future protest visits at the company.

When asked specifically how entrance was gained to the McDonnell buildings, Johnson would only answer, "the same white guards/members, who allowed ACTION's first protesters to enter the plant years ago."

Johnson again warns that "ACTION shall continue to maneuver inside McDonnell's security, at will, as he (McDonnell) has been able to maneuver within the Government with its white racist employment practices, and still get government contracts."

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The May 30, 1974 edition of the St. Louis Globe Democrat published an article entitled "Two Charged in McDonnell Protest". The article stated two members of ACTION who said they were admitted by a sympathetic security guard, were arrested Wednesday, May 29, 1974, at McDonnell Douglas Corporation when they began handing out protest literature. The pair identified as Harry Green, 23 and Harold Dean Robinson, 19, charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace in municipal warrants issued in Berkeley. Bond was set on charges at \$200 for each man. Police said the two men entered building 101 of the McDonnell Douglas complex and passed out literature protesting alleged discrimination in the corporation's employment policies. The two men were taken into custody by security guards and turned over to Berkeley police. There was no scuffle and no injuries were reported. The article further said in 1971, two young women members of ACTION were arrested during a similar protest at McDonnell. They were later found guilty on trespassing and sentenced to seven months in jail and fined \$500 each.

The July 11, 1974 edition of the St. Louis Post Dispatch contained an article concerning ACTION's protest in downtown St. Louis. ACTION members climbed to the top of a 50 foot pile driver at 7th and Cole Streets, the site of the new St. Louis convention center and unfurled banners alleging racial discrimination in construction hiring. They were arrested by St. Louis Police Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WRC*

DATE: 11/12/73

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA)
ACTION,
FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SECURITY PROGRAM

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On 11/8/73, [redacted] ACTION, telephonically inquired whether the FBI would accept for investigation under Executive Order 10450 (Federal Employee Security Program) an b6 investigation involving a VISTA employee. He said he had checked b7C with Civil Service Commission (CSC) and was referred to the FBI. He had particular reference to [redacted] (Bureau file [redacted]) who according to information originating with the FBI had attended meetings of the Revolutionary Union in 1969. He was informed that VISTA employees were never considered to be covered by Executive Order 10450, but that a current check would be made with CSC.

On 11/9/73, [redacted] CSC, advised that VISTA employees are not covered by Executive Order 10450. He said CSC conducts National Agency Checks for ACTION on VISTA employees and loyalty information received from the FBI on such employees is furnished to ACTION by CSC without any investigative action being taken by CSC.

On 11/9/73, [redacted] was advised that CSC has confirmed that VISTA employees are not under Executive Order 10450. [redacted] stated that he is considering asking CSC to conduct the investigation of [redacted] on a reimbursable basis.

It is possible that if ACTION refers the case on [redacted] to CSC for investigation on a reimbursable basis, CSC would refer the case to the FBI for investigative consideration because of the loyalty information involved. It is not felt that the FBI should

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SAC, St. Louis (157-4881)

7/6/73

Acting Director, FBI [redacted] ✓

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EXTREMIST MATTERS**

Reference your characterizations of captioned group submitted 5/22/73.

It is noted information submitted in referenced characterizations is not current as the latest information is dated May, 1972. You should resubmit characterizations of captioned organization setting forth current information.

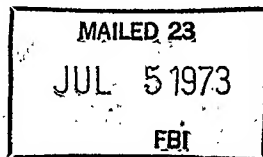
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NOTE:

Above instructions necessary in order to update information on captioned group.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

May 22, 1973

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ACTION, ANTI-RACKETEERING -HOBBS ACT; RM.
RE SL AIRTEL AND LHM JUNE TWENTYNINE, SEVENTYONE. ON AUGUST THIRD,
SEVENTYONE, SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. ON AUGUST FOURTH
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SLMO WILL GO TO U.S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS TO DEMAND U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF ACTION BLACK MILITANT GROUP
IN ST. LOUIS WHO IS BOYCOTTING CONTINENTAL BAKING PRODUCTS ALLEGING
DISCRIMINATION. NEGRO EMPLOYEES OF CONTINENTAL FEEL ACTION BOYCOTT
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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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